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(57) ABSTRACT

The invention provides non-naturally occurring microbial organisms comprising a 1,4-butanediol (BDO) pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO and further optimized for expression of BDO. The invention additionally provides methods of using such microbial organisms to produce BDO.

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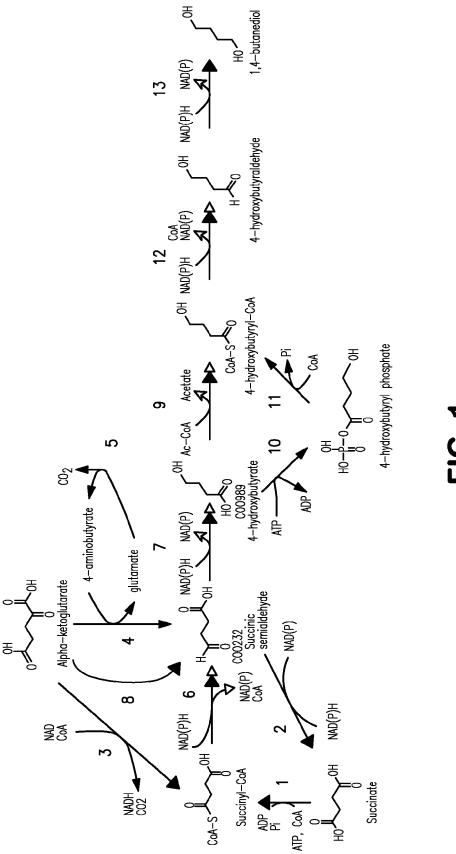


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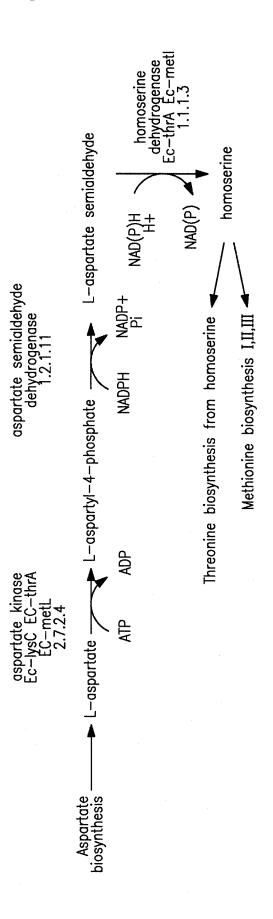
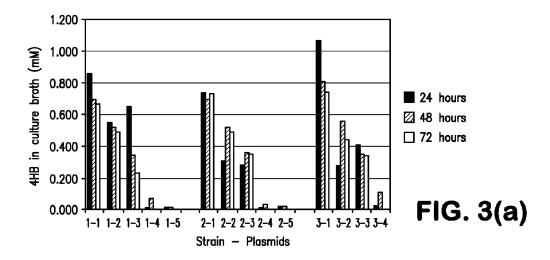
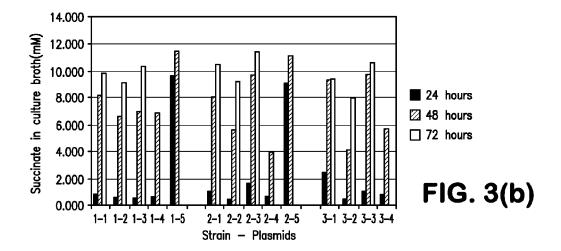
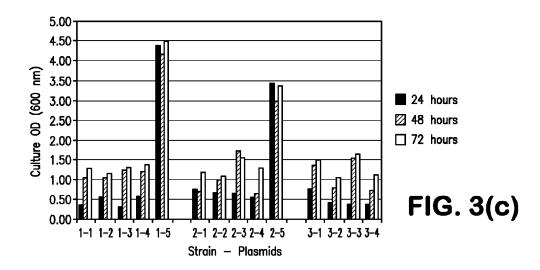


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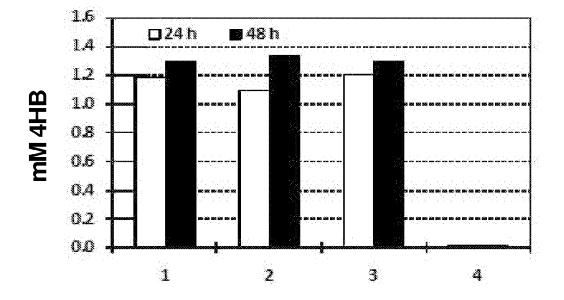


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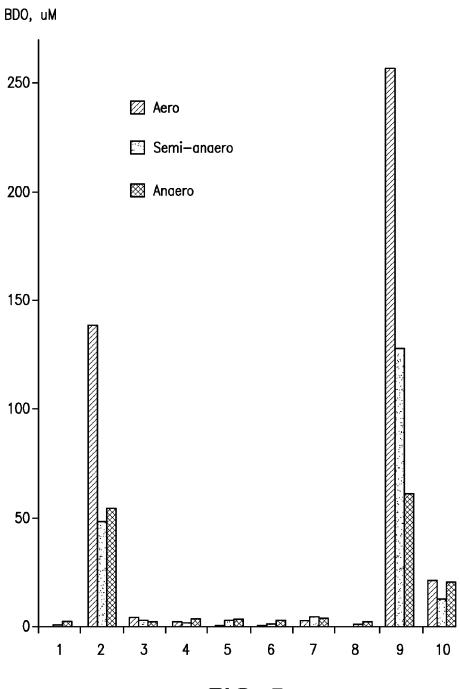
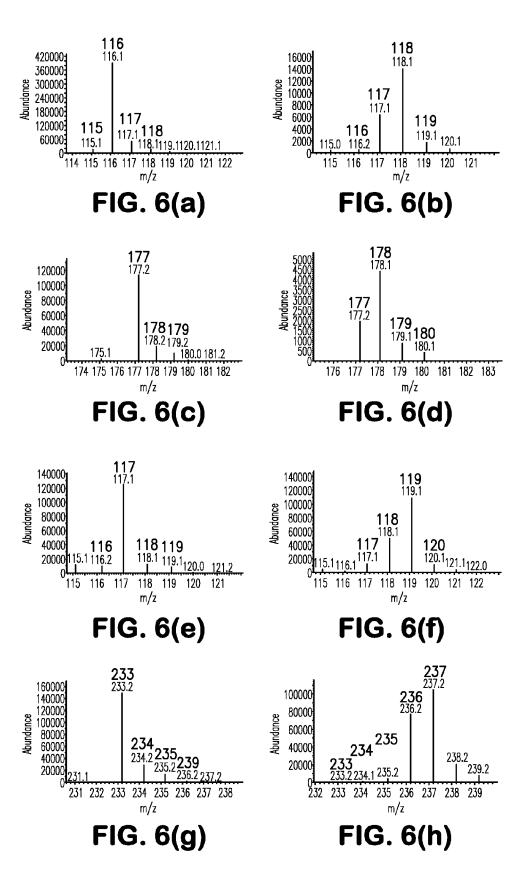


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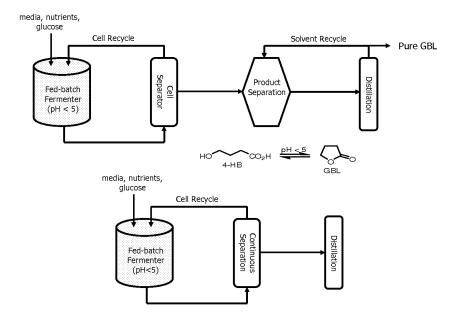
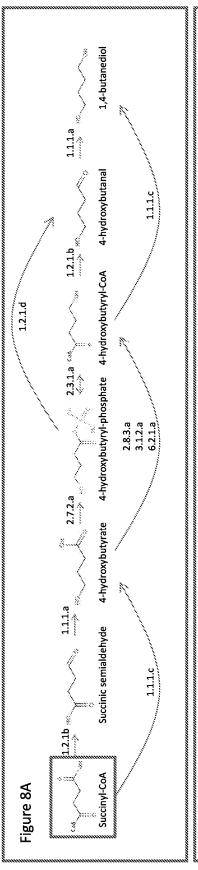
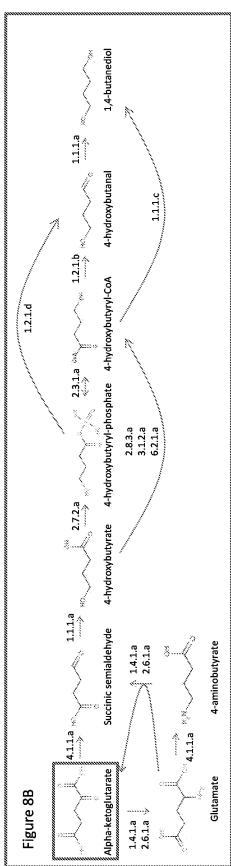
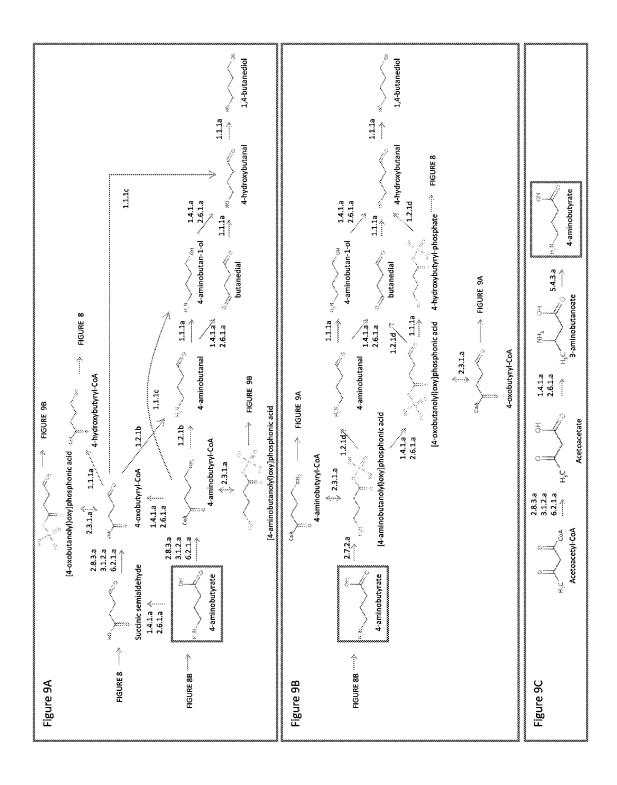


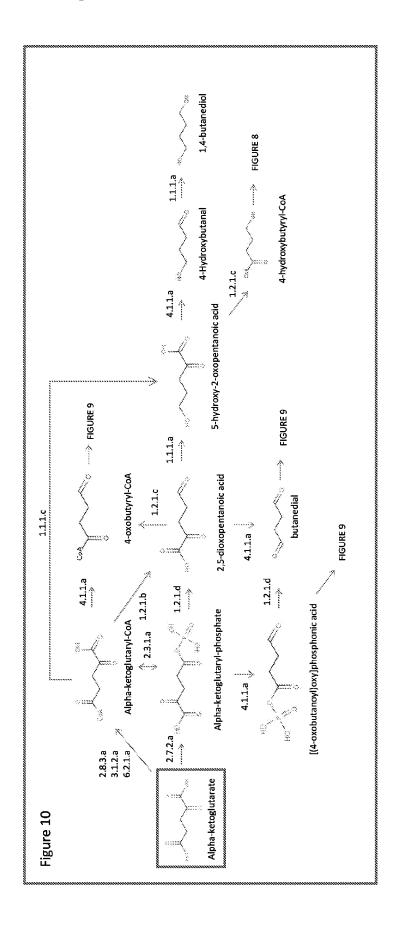
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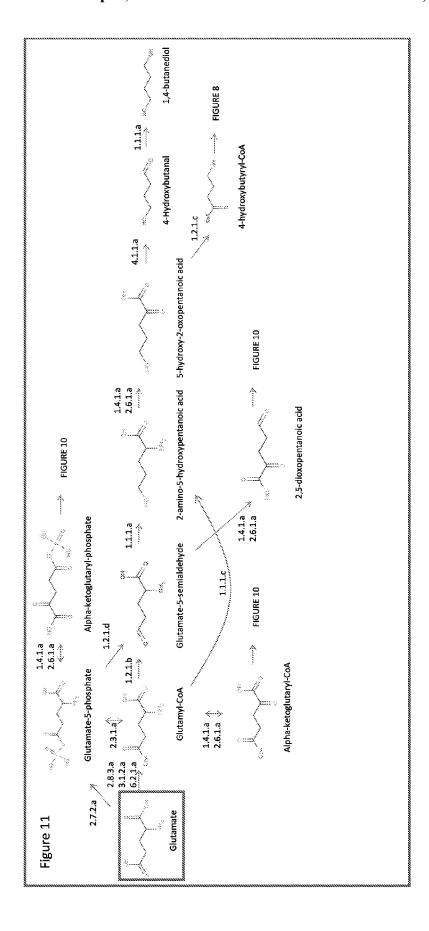


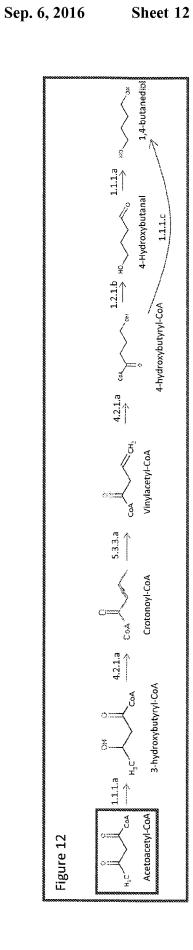
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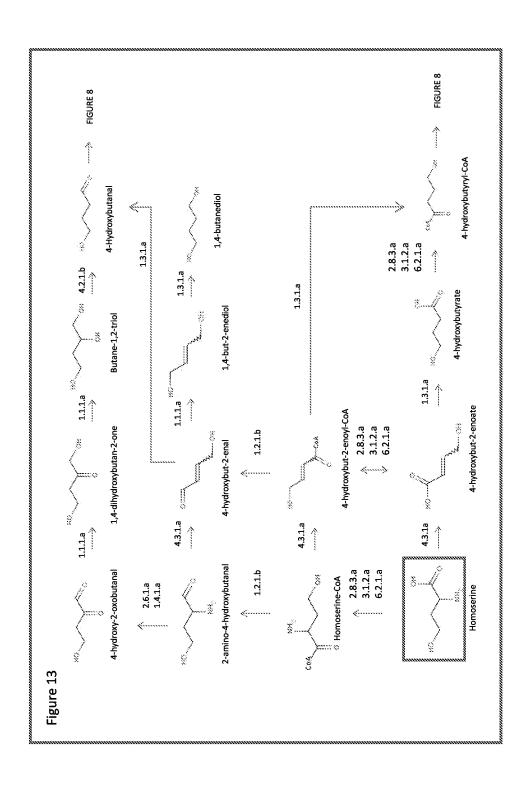












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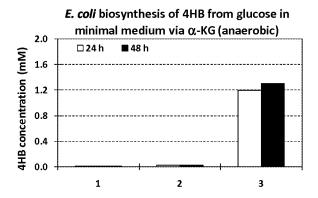
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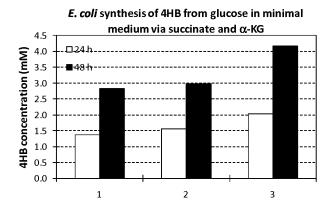


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В.

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В.

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D.

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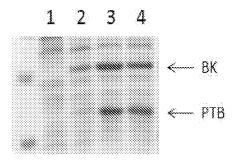
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C.

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D.

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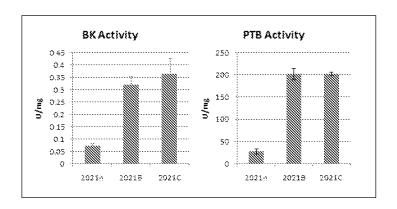


FIGURE 25

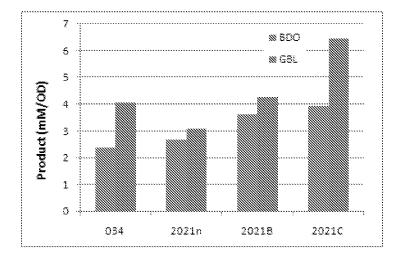


FIGURE 26

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В.

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B.

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C.

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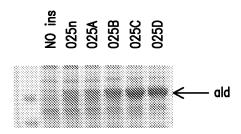
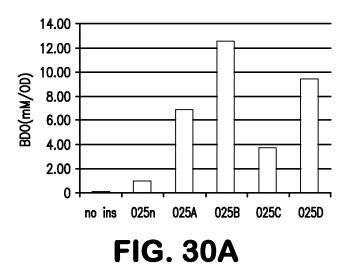


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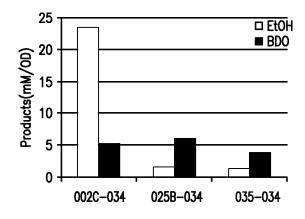


FIG. 30B

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В.

MKAAVVEOFKEPLKIKEVEKPSISYGEVLVRIKACGVCHTDLHAAHGDWPVKPKLPLIPGHEGVG IVEEVGPGVTHLKVGDRVGIPWLYSACGHCEYCLSGQEALCEHQQNAGYSVDGGYAEYCRAAPDY VVKIPDNLSFEEAAPIFCAGVTTYKALKVTGTKPGEWVAIYGIGGLGHVAVQYAKAMGLHVVAVD IGDEKLELAKELGADLVVNPAKENAAQFMKEKVGGVHAAVVTAVSKPAFQSAYNSIRRGGTCVLV GLPPEEMPIPIFDTVLNGIKIIGSIVGTRKDLQEALQFAAEGKVKTIIEVQPLEKINEVFDRMLK GEINGRVVLTLENNN

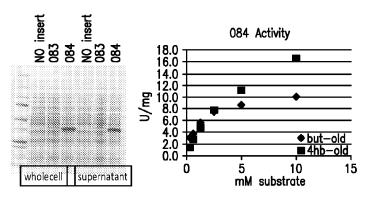


FIG. 32A

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FIG. 32B

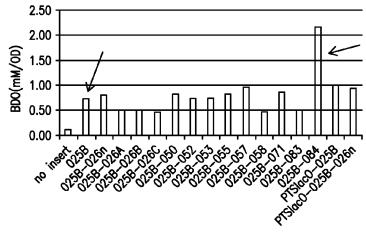
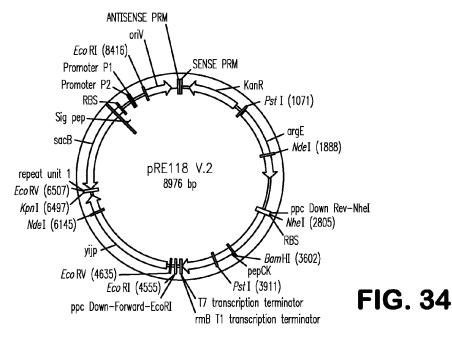


FIG. 33



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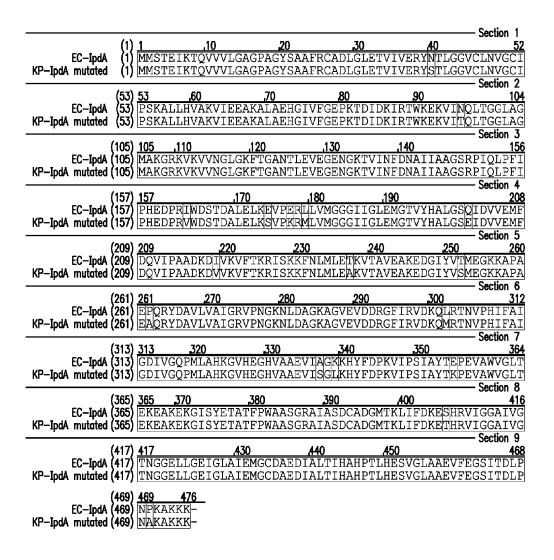


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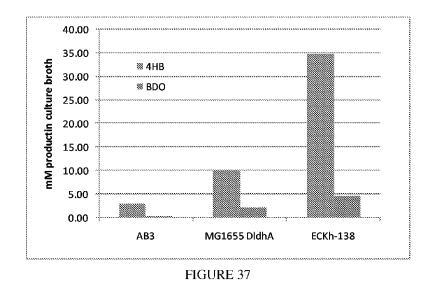
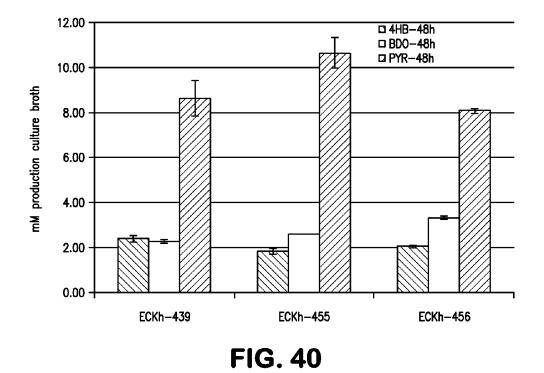


FIGURE 38

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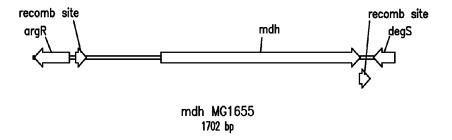
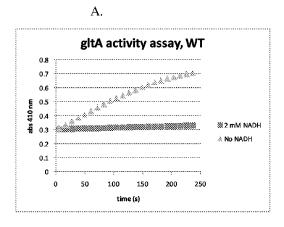


FIG. 41A



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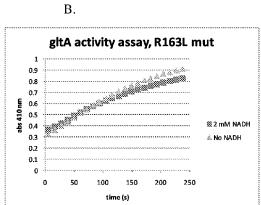


FIGURE 44

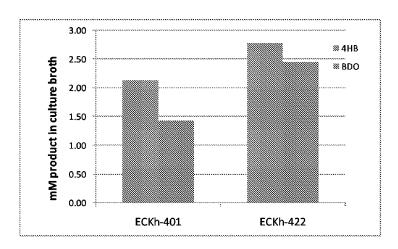


FIGURE 45

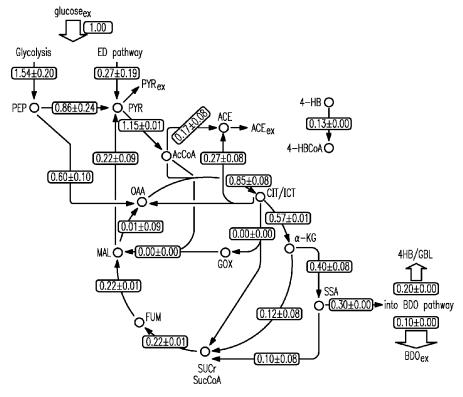


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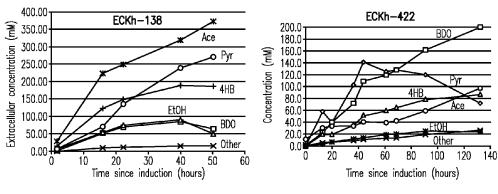


FIG. 47A

FIG. 47B

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CGCGATGTCGACGTCACGAAACTGAAAAAACCGCTCTACATTCTGGCGACTGCTGATGAAGAAACCAGT ATGGCCGGAGCGCTTATTTTGCCGAAACTACCGCCCTGCGCCCGGATTGCGCCATCATTGGCGAACCG ACGTCACTACAACCGGTACGCGCACATAAAGGTCATATCTCTAACGCCATCCGTATTCAGGGCCAGTCG GGGCACTCCAGCGATCCAGCACGCGGAGTTAACGCTATCGAACTAATGCACGACGCCATCGGGCATATT TTGCAATTGCGCGATAACCTGAAAGAACGTTATCACTACGAAGCGTTTACCGTGCCATACCCTACGCTCA ACCTCGGGCATATTCACGGTGGCGACGCTTCTAACCGTATTTGCGCTTGCTGTGAGTTGCATATGGATAT TCGTCCGCTGCCTGGCATGACACTCAATGAACTTAATGGTTTGCTCAACGATGCATTGGCTCCGGTGAGC GAACGCTGGCCGGGTCGTCTGACGGTCGACGAGCTGCATCCGCCGATCCCTGGCTATGAATGCCCACCG AATCATCAACTGGTTGAAGTGGTTGAGAAATTGCTCGGAGCAAAAACCGAAGTGGTGAACTACTGTACC GAAGCGCCGTTTATTCAAACGTTATGCCCGACGCTGGTGTTGGGGGCCTGGCTCAATTAATCAGGCTCATC AACCTGATGAATATCTGGAAACACGGTTTATCAAGCCCACCCGCGAACTGATAACCCAGGTAATTCACCA TTTTTGCTGGCATTAAAACGTAGGCCGGATAAGGCGCTCGCGCCGCATCCGGCGCTGTTGCCAAACTCC AGTGCCGCAATAATGTCGGATGCGATGCTTGCGCATCTTATCCGACCTACAGTGACTCAAACGATGCCCA ACCGTAGGCCGGATAAGGCGCTCGCGCCGCATCCGGCACTGTTGCCAAACTCCAGTGCCGCAATAATGT CGGATGCGATACTTGCGCATCTTATCCGACCGACAGTGACTCAAACGATGCCCAACTGTAGGCCGGATA AGGCGCTCGCGCCGCATCCGGCACTGTTGCCAAACTCCAGTGCCGCAATAATGTCGGATGCGATACTTG CGCATCTTATCCGACCTACACCTTTGGTGTTACTTGGGGCGATTTTTTAACATTTCCATAAGTTACGCTTAT TGACGTCACCGCTTTTACGTGGCTTTATAAAAGACGACGAAAAGCAAAGCCCGAGCATATTCGCGCCAA ATTTATGACGTAAAAGAAGTTGTTTACAATCCAAGCTACGAGCAATTGTTCGAAGAAGAAACTAAACCA GGTTTAGAAGGCTTTGAAAAAGGTACTTTAACTACGACTGGTGCAGTGGCAGTAGATACAGGTATCTTC ACAGGTCGTTCTCCAAAAGATAAATATATCGTGTTAGATGAAAAAACCAAAGATACTGTTTGGTGGACA TCTGAAACAGCAAAAACGACAACAAGCCAATGAACCAAGCTACATGGCAAAGCTTAAAAGACTTGGTA TTGCAGTACGTATTGTCACTGAAGTAGCGTGGCAAGCACATTTTGTAAAAAAATATGTTTATTCGCCCAAC TGGAAAGAACAAGGTTTAAATTCAGAAAACTTTGTTGCTTTCAACTTGACTGAACGCATTCAATTAATCG <u>GTGGTACTTGGTACGGCGGTGAAATGAAAAAGGTATGTTCTCAATCATGAACTACTTCCTACCACTTAA</u> AGGTGTTGGTGCAATGCACTGCTCAGCTAACGTTGGTAAAGATGGCGATGTAGCAATCTTCTTCGGCTT ATCTGGCACAGGTAAAACAACCCTTTCAACGGATCCAAAACGTGAATTAATCGGTGACGATGAACACGG CTGGGATGATGTGGGTATCTTTAACTTTGAAGGTGGTTGCTATGCGAAAACCATTCACCTTTCAGAAGAA AATGAACCAGATATTTACCGCGCTATCCGTCGCGACGCATTATTAGAAAACGTGGTTGTTCGTGCAGATG GTTCTGTTGATTTCGATGATGGTTCAAAAACAGAAAATACTCGCGTGTCTTACCCAATTTATCACATTGAT AACATTGTAAAACCAGTTTCTCGTGCAGGTCACGCAACTAAAGTGATTTTCTTAACTGCAGATGCATTTG GCGTATTACCACCAGTATCTAAATTGACACCAGAACAAACTAAATACTACTTCTTATCTGGTTTCACAGCA <u>AAATTAGCAGGTACTGAACGTGGTATTACTGAACCAACTCCAACTTTCTCAGCATGTTTCGGTGCTGCGT</u> TCTTAACCCTTCACCCAACTCAATATGCAGAAGTGTTAGTAAAACGTATGCAAGCAGTGGGTGCTGAAG TGATGCAATCTTAGATGGCTCAATTGAAAAAGCTGAAATGGGCGAATTACCAATCTTTAACTTAGCCATT <u>CCTAAAGCATTACCAGGTGTAGATTCTGCAATCTTAGATCCTCGCGATACTTACGCAGATAAAGCACAAT</u> <u>GGCAATCAAAAGCTGAAGACTTAGCAGGTCGTTTTGTGAAAAACTTTGTTAAATATGCAACTAACGAAG</u> AAGGCAAAGCTTTAATTGCAGCTGGTCCTAAAGCTTAATCTAGAAAGCTTCCTAGAGGCATCAAATAAA

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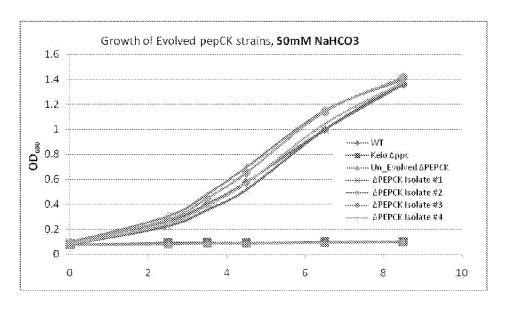


FIGURE 49

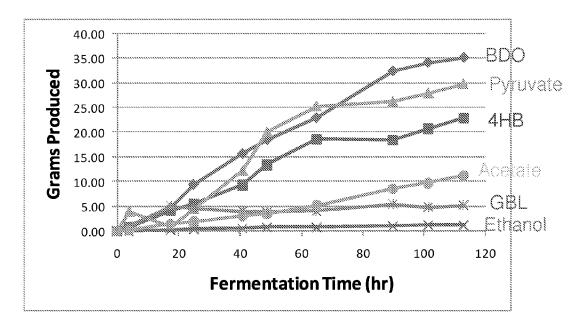


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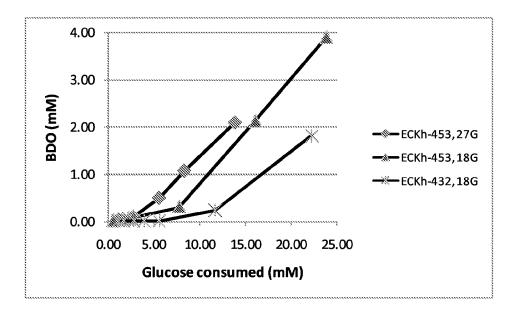


FIGURE 51

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TCGAGAAATTTATCAAAAAGAGTGTTGACTTGTGAGCGGATAACAATGATACTTAGATTCAATTGTGAG CGGATAACAATTTCACACAGAATTCAATTAAGCTAGCAAGAGGAGAAGTCGACATGGCCAACATAAGTT CACCATTCGGGCAAAACGAATGGCTGGTTGAAGAGATGTACCGCAAGTTCCGCGACGACCCCTCCTCGG TCGATCCCAGCTGGCACGAGTTCCTGGTTGACTACAGCCCCGAACCCACCTCCCAACCAGCTGCCGAACC AACCCGGGTTACCTCGCCACTCGTTGCCGAGCGGGCCGCTGCGGCCGCCCCGCAGGCACCCCCCAAGCC GGCCGACACCGCGGCCGCGGGCAACGGCGTGGTCGCCGCACTGGCCGCCAAAACTGCCGTTCCCCCGC CAGCCGAAGGTGACGAGGTAGCGGTGCTGCGCGGCGCCGCCGCCGCCGTCGTCAAGAACATGTCCGC GTCGTTGGAGGTGCCGACGGCGACCAGCGTCCGGGCGGTCCCGGCCAAGCTACTGATCGACAACCGGA TCGTCATCAACAACCAGTTGAAGCGGACCCGCGGCGGCAAGATCTCGTTCACGCATTTGCTGGGCTACG CCCTGGTGCAGGCGGTGAAGAAATTCCCGAACATGAACCGGCACTACACCGAAGTCGACGGCAAGCCC ACCGCGGTCACGCCGGCGCACACCAATCTCGGCCTGGCGATCGACCTGCAAGGCAAGGACGGGAAGCG TTCCCTGGTGGTGGCCGGCATCAAGCGGTGCGAGACCATGCGATTCGCGCAGTTCGTCACGGCCTACGA AGACATCGTACGCCGGGCCCGCGACGGCAAGCTGACCACTGAAGACTTTGCCGGCGTGACGATTTCGCT GACCAATCCCGGAACCATCGGCACCGTGCATTCGGTGCCGCGGCTGATGCCCGGCCAGGGCGCCATCAT CGGCGTGGGCGCCATGGAATACCCCGCCGAGTTTCAAGGCGCCAGCGAGGAACGCATCGCCGAGCTGG GCATCGGCAAATTGATCACTTTGACCTCCACCTACGACCACCGCATCATCCAGGGCGCGGAATCGGGCG ACTTCCTGCGCACCATCCACGAGTTGCTGCTCTCGGATGGCTTCTGGGACGAGGTCTTCCGCGAACTGAG CATCCCATATCTGCCGGTGCGCTGGAGCACCGACAACCCCGACTCGATCGTCGACAAGAACGCTCGCGT CATGAACTTGATCGCGGCCTACCGCAACCGCGGCCATCTGATGGCCGATACCGACCCGCTGCGGTTGGA CAAAGCTCGGTTCCGCAGTCACCCCGACCTCGAAGTGCTGACCCACGGCCTGACGCTGTGGGATCTCGA TCGGGTGTTCAAGGTCGACGGCTTTGCCGGTGCGCAGTACAAGAAACTGCGCGACGTGCTGGGCTTGCT GCGCGATGCCTACTGCCGCCACATCGGCGTGGAGTACGCCCATATCCTCGACCCCGAACAAAAGGAGTG GCTCGAACACGGGTCGAGACCAAGCACGTCAAACCCACTGTGGCCCAACAGAAATACATCCTCAGCAA GCTCAACGCCGCGAGGCCTTTGAAACGTTCCTACAGACCAAGTACGTCGGCCAGAAGCGGTTCTCGCT GGAAGGCGCCGAAAGCGTGATCCCGATGATGGACGCGGCGATCGACCAGTGCGCTGAGCACGGCCTC GACGAGGTGGTCATCGGGATGCCGCACCGGGGCCGGCTCAACGTGCTGGCCAACATCGTCGGCAAGCC GTACTCGCAGATCTTCACCGAGTTCGAGGGCAACCTGAATCCGTCGCAGGCGCACGGCTCCGGTGACGT CAAGTACCACCTGGGCGCCACCGGGCTGTACCTGCAGATGTTCGGCGACAACGACATTCAGGTGTCGCT GACCGCCAACCCGTCGCATCTGGAGGCCGTCGACCCGGTGCTGGAGGGATTGGTGCGGGCCAAGCAGG ATCTGCTCGACCACGGAAGCATCGACAGCGACGGCCAACGGGCGTTCTCGGTGGTGCCGCTGATGTTGC ATGGCGATGCCGCGTTCGCCGGTCAGGGTGTGGTCGCCGAGACGTGAACCTGGCGAATCTGCCGGGC TACCGCGTCGGCGCACCATCCACATCATCGTCAACAACCAGATCGGCTTCACCACCGCGCCCGAGTATT CCAGGTCCAGCGAGTACTGCACCGACGTCGCAAAGATGATCGGGGCACCGATCTTTCACGTCAACGGCG ACGACCCGGAGGCGTGTGTCTGGGTGGCGCGGTTGGCGGTGGACTTCCGACAACGGTTCAAGAAGGAC GTCGTCATCGACATGCTGCTGCTGCCGCCGCCGGGGCACAACGAGGGTGACGACCCGTCGATGACCAA CCCCTACATGTACGACGTCGTCGACACCAAGCGCGGGGCCCGCAAAAGCTACACCGAAGCCCTGATCGG ACGTGGCGACATCTCGATGAAGGAGGCCGAGGACGCGCTGCGCGACTACCAGGGCCAGCTGGAACGG AGATGATTCCCGCGGGGCTGGCCACTGCGGTGGACAAGTCGCTGCTGGCCCGGATCGGCGATGCGTTC CTCGCCTTGCCGAACGGCTTCACCGCGCACCCGCGAGTCCAACCGGTGCTGGAGAAGCGCCGGGAGAT GGCCTATGAAGGCAAGATCGACTGGGCCTTTGGCGAGCTGCTGGCGCTGGGCTCGCTGGTGGCCGAAG GCAAGCTGGTGCGCTTGTCGGGGCAGGACAGCCGCCGCGGCACCTTCTCCCAGCGGCATTCGGTTCTCA TCGACCGCCACACTGGCGAGGAGTTCACACCACTGCAGCTGCTGGCGACCAACTCCGACGGCAGCCCGA CCGGCGGAAAGTTCCTGGTCTACGACTCGCCACTGTCGGAGTACGCCGCCGTCGGCTTCGAGTACGGCT ACACTGTGGGCAATCCGGACGCCGTGGTGCTCTGGGAGGCGCAGTTCGGCGACTTCGTCAACGGCGCA

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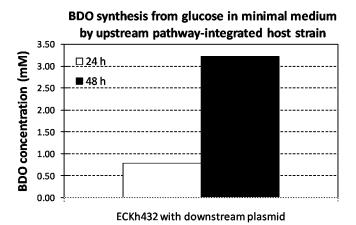


FIGURE 54

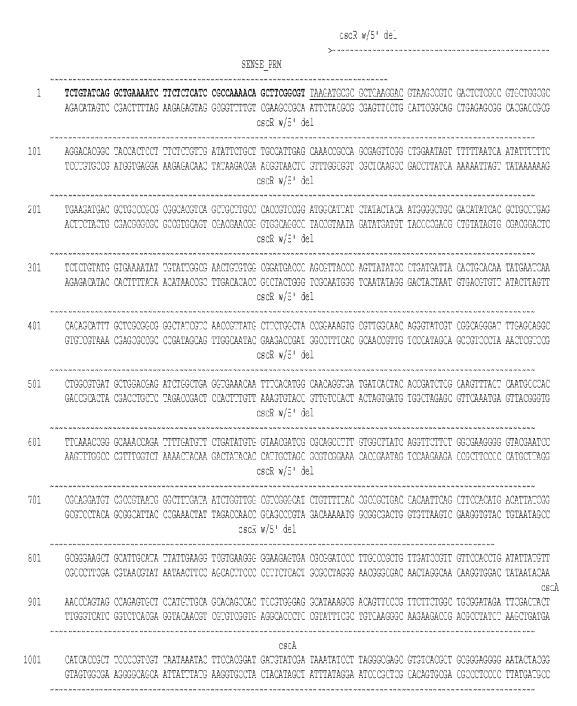


FIG. 55

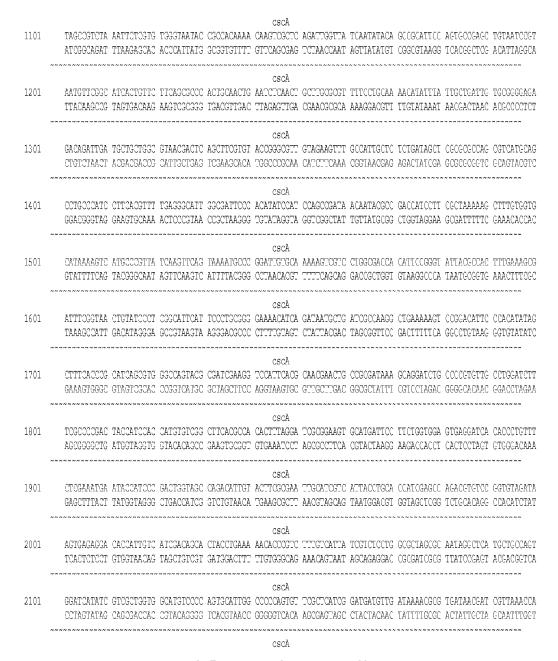


FIG. 55 (cont'd)

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2301	osca TTITGCGCOG CATGCAATOG AGAITGCGTO ATTITAAICA ICCTGGTTAA GCAAATITGG TGAATTGTIA ACGITAACTI TTATAAAAAI AAAGTCCCTI AAAACGCGGC GTACGTTAGC TCTAACGCA <mark>G TA</mark> AAAITAGI AGGACCAATT CGTTIAAACC ACTTAACAAT TGCAAITGAA AATAITTITA ITICAGGGAA
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2501	ADACOGRICO CIADAGRODA ENTRODETA DAAACAAAA DAAACTAAA DAAACTAAA DOBATCAAA DOBATCAA CITCOGAAA ACTAAAAA DAAACTAAA CITCOGAAAA CITCOGAAAAA CITCOGAAAAA CITCOGAAAA CITCOGAAAAAA CITCOGAAAAA CITCOGAAAAAAAAA CITCOGAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
2601	ATCAGACGGG CGCCTACTGC CITGTCCTGG CGGCGCGCCA GCTAACGTTG CGGTEGGAAT CGCCAGATTA GGCGGAACAA GTGGGTTTAI AGGTCGGGTG TAGTCTGCCC GCGGATGACG GAACAGGACC GCCGCGCGGI CGATTGCAAC GCCACCCTIA GCGGTCTAAT CCGCCTTGTT CACCCAAATA ICCAGCCCAC SSCK
2701	GOGGATGATO CTTTTGGTGC GITAATGCAA AGAACGCIGC TAACTGAGGG AGTCGATAIC ACGTATCTGA AGCAAGATGA ATGGCACCGG ACATCCACGG CCCCTACTAG GAAAACCACG CAATTACGTT TCTTGCGACG ATTGACTCCC TCAGCTATAG TGCATAGACT TCGITCTACT TACCGTGGCC IGIAGGTGCC cscK
2801	TGCTIGICA TOTGAACGAT CAAGGGGAAC GTTCALTIAC STTTATGGTO CGCCCCAGIG COGATCTTIT TOTAGAGACG ACAGACTIGO CCIGOTGGCG ACGAACAGCT AGACTTGCTA GITCCCCTTG CAAGTAAATG CAAATACCAG GCCGGGCCAC GGCTAGAAAA AAAICTCTGC TGTCTGAACG GGACGACCGC SSCK
2901	ACATGGCGAA TGGTTACATC TCTGTTCAAT TGCGTLGICT GCCGAGCCTT CGCGLACCAG CGCATTTACT GCGATGACGG CGATCCGCA LGCCGGAGGT TGTACCGCTT ACCAATGTAG AGACAAGTTA ACGCAACAGA CGGCTCGGAA GCGCATGGIC GCGTAAATGA CGCTACTGCC GCTAGGCCGI ACGGCCTCCA CSCK
3001	TTTGTCAGCT TOGATOCTAA TATTOGTGAA GATCTATGC AAGACGAGCA TTTGCTCCC TTGTGTTTGC GGCAGGCGT ACAACTGGCC GATGTCGTCA AAACAGTCGA AGCTAGGATT ALAAGCACTT CTAGATACC TTCTGCTCGT AAACAGAGCG AACACAAACG CCGCCCGCGA TGTTGACCGC CTACAGCAGT OSCK
3101	AGCTCTCGGA AGAAGAATGG CSACTTATCA GTGGAARAAC ACAGAAGGAT CAGGATATAT GGGGCCTGGG AAAAGAGTAT GAGATCGCCA IGCTGTTGGT TOGAGAGCCT TCTTCTTACC GCTGAATAGT CACCTITITG IGTCTTGCTA GTCCIAIAIA CGGGGGGACCG TITICCCATA CTCTAGGGGI ACGACAACCA SSCK
3201	GACTAAAGST GOAGAAGGGG TEGTGSTCTG TTATCEAGGA CAAGTTCAOC ATTTIGCTGG AATGTCTGTG AATIGTGTCS ATAGCACGGS GGCGGGAGAT CTEAUTICCA CGTCTTCCCC ACCACCAGAC AATAGCTCCT GTTCAAGTGG TAAAAACSACC TTACAGACAC TTACACAGC TATCGTGCCC CCGCCCTCTA CSCK
3301	GOSTICSTIG COGGGTTACT CACAGGTCTG TOCTCIACGG GATTATCTAC AGATSAGAGA GAAATGCGAC GAAITATOGA TOTOGOTCAA CGITGOGGAG CGCAAGCAAC GGCCCAATGA GIGTCAGAC AGGAGATSCC CTAATAGATG TCTACTCTCT CTTTACGCTG CITAATAGCT AGAGCGAGTI SCAACGCCTC CSCK

FIG. 55 (cont'd)

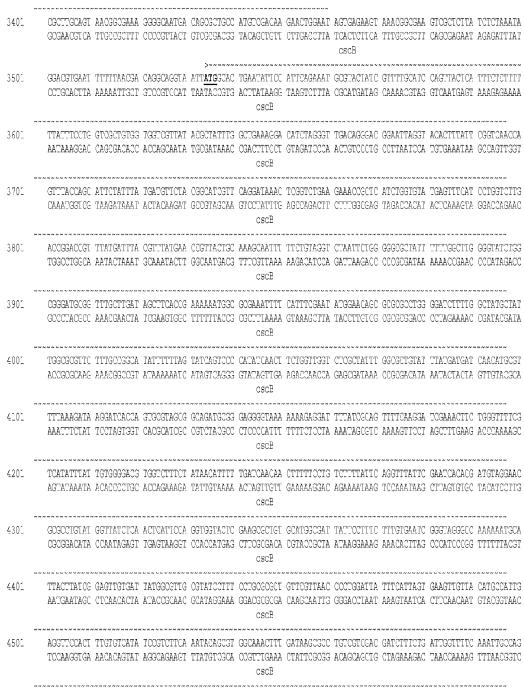
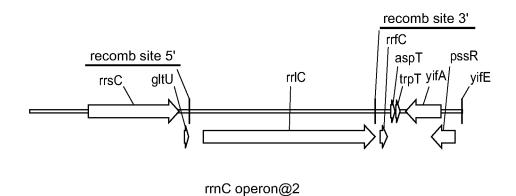


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	AGITCCTIAC	${\tt GTAACGCCTC}$	$\mathtt{ACTT}\underline{\mathtt{CATAGC}}$	TCAGTGCGGT	ATAAAGC AGT	GGGCTTCTAC	TCAAAACTCT	ATAATTCCGT	CCACTGAAAG	TGAGTGT
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FIG. 56

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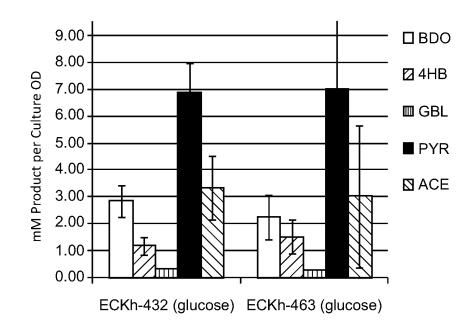


FIG. 57

### MICROORGANISMS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF 1,4-BUTANEDIOL AND RELATED METHODS

This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 512/794,700, filed Jun. 4, 2010, now U.S. Pat. No. 8,129,169, which claims the benefit of priority of U.S. application Ser. No. 61/184,311, filed Jun. 4, 2009, the entire contents of each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Incorporated herein by reference is the Sequence Listing being concurrently submitted via EFS-Web as an ASCII text file named 12207-177-999_SeqList.txt, created Jan. 27, 15 2012, and being 150,347 bytes in size.

This invention relates generally to in silico design of organisms and engineering of organisms, more particularly to organisms having 1,4-butanediol biosynthesis capability.

The compound 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-hydroxybutanoate, 4-hydroxybutyrate, 4-HB) is a 4-carbon carboxylic acid that has industrial potential as a building block for various commodity and specialty chemicals. In particular, 4-HB has the potential to serve as a new entry point into the 1,4-butanediol family of chemicals, which includes solvents, 25 resins, polymer precursors, and specialty chemicals. 1,4-Butanediol (BDO) is a polymer intermediate and industrial solvent with a global market of about 3 billion lb/year. BDO is currently produced from petrochemical precursors, primarily acetylene, maleic anhydride, and propylene oxide. 30

For example, acetylene is reacted with 2 molecules of formaldehyde in the Reppe synthesis reaction (Kroschwitz and Grant, *Encyclopedia of Chem. Tech.*, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York (1999)), followed by catalytic hydrogenation to form 1,4-butanediol. It has been estimated that 35 90% of the acetylene produced in the U.S. is consumed for butanediol production. Alternatively, it can be formed by esterification and catalytic hydrogenation of maleic anhydride, which is derived from butane. Downstream, butanediol can be further transformed; for example, by oxidation to 40 γ-butyrolactone, which can be further converted to pyrrolidone and N-methyl-pyrrolidone, or hydrogenolysis to tetrahydrofuran. These compounds have varied uses as polymer intermediates, solvents, and additives, and have a combined market of nearly 2 billion lb/year.

It is desirable to develop a method for production of these chemicals by alternative means that not only substitute renewable for petroleum-based feedstocks, and also use less energy- and capital-intensive processes. The Department of Energy has proposed 1,4-diacids, and particularly succinic acid, as key biologically-produced intermediates for the manufacture of the butanediol family of products (DOE Report, "Top Value-Added Chemicals from Biomass", 2004). However, succinic acid is costly to isolate and purify and requires high temperatures and pressures for catalytic 55 reduction to butanediol.

Thus, there exists a need for alternative means for effectively producing commercial quantities of 1,4-butanediol and its chemical precursors. The present invention satisfies this need and provides related advantages as well.

#### SUMMARY OF INVENTION

The invention provides non-naturally occurring microbial organisms containing a 1,4-butanediol (BDO) pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce

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BDO and further optimized for expression of BDO. The invention additionally provides methods of using such microbial organisms to produce BDO.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a schematic diagram showing biochemical pathways to 4-hydroxybutyrate (4-HB) and to 1,4-butanediol production. The first 5 steps are endogenous to *E. coli*, while the remainder can be expressed heterologously. Enzymes catalyzing the biosynthetic reactions are: (1) succinyl-CoA synthetase; (2) CoA-independent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase; (3) α-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase; (4) glutamate: succinate semialdehyde transaminase; (5) glutamate decarboxylase; (6) CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase; (7) 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase; (8) α-ketoglutarate decarboxylase; (9) 4-hydroxybutyryl CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase; (10) butyrate kinase; (11) phosphotransbutyrylase; (12) aldehyde dehydrogenase; (13) alcohol dehydrogenase.

FIG. 2 is a schematic diagram showing homoserine biosynthesis in *E. coli*.

FIG. 3 shows the production of 4-HB in glucose minimal medium using *E. coli* strains harboring plasmids expressing various combinations of 4-HB pathway genes. (a) 4-HB concentration in culture broth; (b) succinate concentration in culture broth; (c) culture OD, measured at 600 nm. Clusters of bars represent the 24 hour, 48 hour, and 72 hour (if measured) timepoints. The codes along the x-axis indicate the strain/plasmid combination used. The first index refers to the host strain: 1, MG1655 lacI Q ; 2, MG1655  $\Delta$ gabD lacI Q ; 3, MG1655  $\Delta$ gabD  $\Delta$ aldA lacI Q . The second index refers to the plasmid combination used: 1, pZE13-0004-0035 and pZA33-0036; 2, pZE13-0004-0035 and pZA33-0010n; 3, pZE13-0004-0008 and pZA33-0036; 4, pZE13-0004-0008 and pZA33-0010n; 5, Control vectors pZE13 and pZA33.

FIG. 4 shows the production of 4-HB from glucose in E. coli strains expressing  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate decarboxylase from Mycobacterium tuberculosis. Strains 1-3 contain pZE13-0032 and pZA33-0036. Strain 4 expresses only the empty vectors pZE13 and pZA33. Host strains are as follows: 1 and 4, MG1655 lacI $^{\mathcal{Q}}$ ; 2, MG1655  $\Delta$ gabD lacI $^{\mathcal{Q}}$ ; 3, MG1655  $\Delta$ gabD  $\Delta$ aldA lacI $^{\mathcal{Q}}$ . The bars refer to concentration at 24 and 48 hours.

FIG. 5 shows the production of BDO from 10 mM 4-HB in recombinant *E. coli* strains. Numbered positions correspond to experiments with MG1655 lacI^Q containing pZA33-0024, expressing cat2 from *P. gingivalis*, and the following genes expressed on pZE13:1, none (control); 2, 0002; 3, 0003; 4, 0003n; 5, 0011; 6, 0013; 7, 0023; 8, 0025; 9, 0008n; 10, 0035. Gene numbers are defined in Table 6. For each position, the bars refer to aerobic, microaerobic, and anaerobic conditions, respectively. Microaerobic conditions were created by sealing the culture tubes but not evacuating them.

FIG. 6 shows the mass spectrum of 4-HB and BDO produced by MG1655 lacI^Q pZE13-0004-0035-0002 pZA33-0034-0036 grown in M9 minimal medium supplemented with 4 g/L unlabeled glucose (a, c, e, and g) uniformly labeled ¹³C-glucose (b, d, f, and h). (a) and (b), mass 116 characteristic fragment of derivatized BDO, containing 2 carbon atoms; (c) and (d), mass 177 characteristic fragment of derivatized BDO, containing 1 carbon atom; (e) and (f), mass 117 characteristic fragment of derivatized 4-HB, containing 2 carbon atoms; (g) and (h), mass 233 characteristic fragment of derivatized 4-HB, containing 4 carbon atoms.

FIG. 7 is a schematic process flow diagram of bioprocesses for the production of  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone. Panel (a) illustrates fed-batch fermentation with batch separation and panel (b) illustrates fed-batch fermentation with continuous separation.

FIGS. **8**A and **8**B show exemplary 1,4-butanediol (BDO) pathways. FIG. **8**A shows BDO pathways from succinyl-CoA. FIG. **8**B shows BDO pathways from alpha-ketoglutarate

FIGS. 9A-9C show exemplary BDO pathways. FIGS. 9A and 9B show pathways from 4-aminobutyrate. FIG. 9C shows a pathway from acetoacetyl-CoA to 4-aminobutyrate.

FIG. 10 shows exemplary BDO pathways from alphaketoglutarate.

FIG. 11 shows exemplary BDO pathways from glutamate. FIG. 12 shows exemplary BDO pathways from acetoacetyl-CoA.

FIG. 13 shows exemplary BDO pathways from homoserine

FIG. **14** shows the nucleotide and amino acid sequences of *E. coli* succinyl-CoA synthetase. FIG. **14**A shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:45) of the *E. coli* sucCD operon. FIGS. **14**B (SEQ ID NO:46) and **14**C (SEQ ID NO:47) show the amino acid sequences of the succinyl-CoA 25 synthetase subunits encoded by the sucCD operon.

FIG. **15** shows the nucleotide and amino acid sequences of *Mycobacterium bovis* alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase. FIG. **15**A shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:48) of *Mycobacterium bovis* sucA gene. FIG. **15**B shows the 30 amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:49) of *M. bovis* alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase.

FIG. **16** shows biosynthesis in *E. coli* of 4-hydroxybutyrate from glucose in minimal medium via alpha-ketoglutarate under anaerobic (microaerobic) conditions. The host 35 strain is ECKh-401. The experiments are labeled based on the upstream pathway genes present on the plasmid pZA33 as follows: 1) 4hbd-sucA; 2) sucCD-sucD-4-hbd; 3) sucCD-sucD-4-hbd-sucA.

FIG. 17 shows biosynthesis in *E. coli* of 4-hydroxybu-40 tyrate from glucose in minimal medium via succinate and alpha-ketoglutarate. The host strain is wild-type MG1655. The experiments are labeled based on the genes present on the plasmids pZE13 and pZA33 as follows: 1) empty control vectors 2) empty pZE13, pZA33-4-hbd; 3) pZE13-sucA, 45 pZA33-4-hbd.

FIG. **18** A shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:50) of CoA-dependent succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase (sucD) from *Porphyromonas gingivalis*, and FIG. **18**B shows the encoded amino acid sequence (SEQ ID 50 NO:51).

FIG. **19**A shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:52) of 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase (4-hbc-1) from *Porphyromonas gingivalis*, and FIG. **19**B shows the encoded amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:53).

FIG. **20**A shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:54) of 4-hydroxybutyrate CoA transferase (cat2) from *Porphyromonas gingivalis*, and FIG. **20**B shows the encoded amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:55).

FIG. **21**A shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID 60 NO:56) of phosphotransbutyrylase (ptb) from *Clostridium acetobutylicum*, and FIG. **21**B shows the encoded amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:57).

FIG. 22A shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:58) of butyrate kinase (buk1) from *Clostridium aceto-65 butylicum*, and FIG. 22B shows the encoded amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:59).

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FIG. 23 shows alternative nucleotide sequences for *C. acetobutylicum* 020 (phosphtransbutyrylase) with altered codons for more prevalent *E. coli* codons relative to the *C. acetobutylicum* native sequence. FIGS. 23A-23D (020A-020D, SEQ ID NOS:60-63, respectively) contain sequences with increasing numbers of rare *E. coli* codons replaced by more prevalent codons (A<B<C<D).

FIG. **24** shows alternative nucleotide sequences for *C. acetobuytlicum* 021 (butyrate kinase) with altered codons for more prevalent *E. coli* codons relative to the *C. acetobutylicum* native sequence. FIGS. **24**A-**24**D (021A-021B, SEQ ID NOS:64-67, respectively) contain sequences with increasing numbers of rare *E. coli* codons replaced by more prevalent codons (A<B<C<D).

15 FIG. 25 shows improved expression of butyrate kinase (BK) and phosphotransbutyrylase (PTB) with optimized codons for expression in *E. coli*. FIG. 25A shows sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) stained for proteins with Coomassie blue; lane 1, 20 control vector with no insert; lane 2, expression of *C. acetobutylicum* native sequences in *E. coli*; lane 3, expression of 020B-021B codon optimized PTB-BK; lane 4, expression of 020C-021C codon optimized PTB-BK. The positions of BK and PTB are shown. FIG. 25B shows the 25 BK and PTB activities of native *C. acetobutylicum* sequence (2021n) compared to codon optimized 020B-021B (2021B) and 020C-021C (2021C).

FIG. **26** shows production of BDO and gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) in various strains expressing BDO producing enzymes: Cat2 (034); 2021n; 2021B; 2021C.

FIG. **27**A shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:68) of the native *Clostridium beijerinckii* ald gene (025n), and FIG. **27**B shows the encoded amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:69).

FIGS. **28**A-**28**D show alternative gene sequences for the *Clostridium beijerinckii* ald gene (025A-025D, SEQ ID NOS:70-73, respectively), in which increasing numbers of rare codons are replaced by more prevalent codons (A<B<C<D).

FIG. **29** shows expression of native *C. beijerinckii* ald gene and codon optimized variants; no ins (control with no insert), 025n, 025A, 025B, 025C, 025D.

FIG. **30** shows BDO or BDO and ethanol production in various strains. FIG. **30**A shows BDO production in strains containing the native *C. beijerinckii* ald gene (025n) or variants with optimized codons for expression in *E. coli* (025A-025D). FIG. **30**B shows production of ethanol and BDO in strains expressing the *C. acetobutylicum* AdhE2 enzyme (002C) compared to the codon optimized variant 025B. The third set shows expression of *P. gingivalis* sucD (035). In all cases, *P. gingivalis* Cat2 (034) is also expressed.

FIG. 31A shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:74) of the adh1 gene from *Geobacillus thermoglucosidasius*, and FIG. 31B shows the encoded amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:75).

FIG. 32A shows the expression of the *Geobacillus thermoglucosidasius* adh1 gene in *E. coli*. Either whole cell lysates or supernatants were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and stained with Coomassie blue for plasmid with no insert, plasmid with 083 (*Geotrichum capitatum* N-benzyl-3-pyrrolidinol dehydrogenase) and plasmid with 084 (*Geobacillus thermoglucosidasius* adh1) inserts. FIG. 32B shows the activity of 084 with butyraldehyde (diamonds) or 4-hydroxybutyraldehyde (squares) as substrates.

FIG. **33** shows the production of BDO in various strains: plasmid with no insert; 025B, 025B-026n; 025B-026A; 025B-026B; 025B-026C; 025B-050; 025B-052; 025B-053;

025B-055; 025B-057; 025B-058; 025B-071; 025B-083; 025B-084; PTSlacO-025B; PTSlacO-025B-026n.

FIG. 34 shows a plasmid map for the vector pRE119-V2.

FIG. 35 shows the sequence (SEQ ID NO:76) of the ECKh-138 region encompassing the aceF and lpdA genes. 5 The K. pneumonia lpdA gene is underlined, and the codon changed in the Glu354Lys mutant shaded.

FIG. 36 shows the protein sequence comparison of the native E. coli lpdA (SEQ ID NO:77) and the mutant K. pneumonia lpdA (SEQ ID NO:78).

FIG. 37 shows 4-hydroxybutyrate (left bars) and BDO (right bars) production in the strains AB3, MG1655 ΔldhA and ECKh-138. All strains expressed E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd on the medium copy plasmid pZA33, and P. gingivalis Cat2, C. acetobutylicum 15 AdhE2 on the high copy plasmid pZE13.

FIG. 38 shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:79) of the 5' end of the aceE gene fused to the pflB-p6 promoter and ribosome binding site (RBS). The 5' italicized sequence shows the start of the aroP gene, which is transcribed in the 20 of the chromosomal region of strain ECKh-432 in the region opposite direction from the pdh operon. The 3' italicized sequence shows the start of the aceE gene. In upper case: pflB RBS. Underlined: FNR binding site. In bold: pflB-p6 promoter sequence.

in the aceF-lpdA region in the strain ECKh-456.

FIG. 40 shows the production of 4-hydroxybutyrate, BDO and pyruvate (left to right bars, respectively) for each of strains ECKh-439, ECKh-455 and ECKh-456.

FIG. 41A shows a schematic of the recombination sites 30 for deletion of the mdh gene. FIG. 41B shows the sequence (nucleotide sequence, SEQ ID NO:81, and coded amino acid sequence, SEQ ID NO:82) of the PCR product of the amplification of chloramphenicol resistance gene (CAT) flanked by FRT sites and homology regions from the mdh 35 gene from the plasmid pKD3.

FIG. 42 shows the sequence (SEQ ID NO:83) of the arcA deleted region in strain ECKh-401.

FIG. 43 shows the sequence (SEQ ID NO:84) of the region encompassing a mutated gltA gene of strain ECKh- 40 422.

FIGS. 44A and 44B show the citrate synthase activity of wild type gltA gene product (FIG. 44A) and the R163L mutant (FIG. 44B). The assay was performed in the absence (diamonds) or presence of 0.4 mM NADH (squares).

FIG. 45 shows the 4-hydroxybutyrate (left bars) and BDO (right bars) production in strains ECKh-401 and ECKh-422. both expressing genes for the complete BDO pathway on

95% confidence intervals from metabolic labeling experiments. Values are molar fluxes normalized to a glucose uptake rate of 1 mmol/hr. The result indicates that carbon flux is routed through citrate synthase in the oxidative direction and that most of the carbon enters the BDO 55 pathway rather than completing the TCA cycle.

FIGS. 47A and 47B show extracellular product formation for strains ECKh-138 (FIG. 47A) and ECKh-422 (FIG. 47B), both expressing the entire BDO pathway on plasmids. The products measured were acetate (Ace), pyruvate (Pyr), 60 4-hydroxybutyrate (4HB), 1,4-butanediol (BDO), ethanol (EtOH), and other products, which include gamma-butyrolactone (GBL), succinate, and lactate.

FIG. 48 shows the sequence (SEQ ID NO:85) of the region following replacement of PEP carboxylase (ppc) by H. influenzae phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (pepck). The pepck coding region is underlined.

FIG. 49 shows growth of evolved pepCK strains grown in minimal medium containing 50 mM NaHCO₃.

FIG. 50 shows product formation in strain ECKh-453 expressing P. gingivalis Cat2 and C. beijerinckii Ald on the plasmid pZS* 13. The products measured were 1,4-butanediol (BDO), pyruvate, 4-hydroxybutyrate (4HB), acetate, y-butyrolactone (GBL) and ethanol.

FIG. 51 shows BDO production of two strains, ECKh-453 and ECKh-432. Both contain the plasmid pZS*13 expressing P. gingivalis Cat2 and C. beijerinckii Ald. The cultures were grown under microaerobic conditions, with the vessels punctured with 27 or 18 gauge needles, as indicated.

FIG. 52 shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:86) of the genomic DNA of strain ECKh-426 in the region of insertion of a polycistronic DNA fragment containing a promoter, sucCD gene, sucD gene, 4hbd gene and a terminator sequence.

FIG. 53 shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:87) of insertion of a polycistronic sequence containing a promoter, sucA gene, C. kluyveri 4hbd gene and a terminator sequence.

FIG. 54 shows BDO synthesis from glucose in minimal FIG. 39 shows the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:80) 25 medium in the ECKh-432 strain having upstream BDO pathway encoding genes integrated into the chromosome and containing a plasmid harboring downstream BDO pathway genes.

> FIG. 55 shows a PCR product (SEQ ID NO:88) containing the non-phosphotransferase (non-PTS) sucrose utilization genes flanked by regions of homology to the rrnC region.

> FIG. 56 shows a schematic diagram of the integrations site in the rrnC operon.

> FIG. 57 shows average product concentration, normalized to culture OD600, after 48 hours of growth of strain ECKh-432 grown on glucose and strain ECKh-463 grown on sucrose. Both contain the plasmid pZS*13 expressing P. gingivalis Cat2 and C. beijerinckii Ald. The data is for 6 replicate cultures of each strain. The products measured were 1,4-butanediol (BDO), 4-hydroxybutyrate (4HB), γ-butyrolactone (GBL), pyruvate (PYR) and acetate (ACE) (left to right bars, respectively).

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to the design and pro-FIG. 46 shows central metabolic fluxes and associated 50 duction of cells and organisms having biosynthetic production capabilities for 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB), γ-butyrolactone and 1,4-butanediol (BDO). The invention, in particular, relates to the design of microbial organisms capable of producing BDO by introducing one or more nucleic acids encoding a BDO pathway enzyme.

In one embodiment, the invention utilizes in silico stoichiometric models of Escherichia coli metabolism that identify metabolic designs for biosynthetic production of 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB) and 1,4-butanediol (BDO). The results described herein indicate that metabolic pathways can be designed and recombinantly engineered to achieve the biosynthesis of 4-HB and downstream products such as 1,4-butanediol in *Escherichia coli* and other cells or organisms. Biosynthetic production of 4-HB, for example, for the in silico designs can be confirmed by construction of strains having the designed metabolic genotype. These metabolically engineered cells or organisms also can be

subjected to adaptive evolution to further augment 4-HB biosynthesis, including under conditions approaching theoretical maximum growth.

In certain embodiments, the 4-HB biosynthesis characteristics of the designed strains make them genetically stable and particularly useful in continuous bioprocesses. Separate strain design strategies were identified with incorporation of different non-native or heterologous reaction capabilities into E. coli or other host organisms leading to 4-HB and 1,4-butanediol producing metabolic pathways from either CoA-independent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, succinyl-CoA synthetase and CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, or glutamate: succinic semialdehyde transaminase. In silico metabolic designs were identified that resulted in the biosynthesis of 4-HB in both E. coli and yeast species from each of these metabolic pathways. The 1,4-butanediol intermediate γ-butyrolactone can be generated in culture by spontaneous cyclization under conditions at pH<7.5, particularly under acidic conditions, such as 20 below pH 5.5, for example, pH<7, pH<6.5, pH<6, and particularly at pH<5.5 or lower.

Strains identified via the computational component of the platform can be put into actual production by genetically engineering any of the predicted metabolic alterations which 25 lead to the biosynthetic production of 4-HB, 1,4-butanediol or other intermediate and/or downstream products. In yet a further embodiment, strains exhibiting biosynthetic production of these compounds can be further subjected to adaptive evolution to further augment product biosynthesis. The 30 levels of product biosynthesis yield following adaptive evolution also can be predicted by the computational component of the system.

In other specific embodiments, microbial organisms were constructed to express a 4-HB biosynthetic pathway encoding the enzymatic steps from succinate to 4-HB and to 4-HB-CoA. Co-expression of succinate coenzyme A transferase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, NAD-dependent 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase and 4-hydroxybutyrate coenzyme A transferase in a host 40 microbial organism resulted in significant production of 4-HB compared to host microbial organisms lacking a 4-HB biosynthetic pathway. In a further specific embodiment, 4-HB-producing microbial organisms were generated that utilized  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate as a substrate by introducing nucleic 45 acids encoding  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate decarboxylase and NAD-dependent 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase.

In another specific embodiment, microbial organisms containing a 1,4-butanediol (BDO) biosynthetic pathway were constructed that biosynthesized BDO when cultured in 50 the presence of 4-HB. The BDO biosynthetic pathway consisted of a nucleic acid encoding either a multifunctional aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase or nucleic acids encoding an aldehyde dehydrogenawse and an alcohol dehydrogenase. To support growth on 4-HB substrates, these BDO- 55 producing microbial organisms also expressed 4-hydroxybutyrate CoA transferase or 4-butyrate kinase in conjunction with phosphotranshydroxybutyrlase. In yet a further specific embodiment, microbial organisms were generated that synthesized BDO through exogenous expression of nucleic 60 acids encoding a functional 4-HB biosynthetic pathway and a functional BDO biosynthetic pathway. The 4-HB biosynthetic pathway consisted of succinate coenzyme A transferase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, NAD-dependent 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase 65 and 4-hydroxybutyrate coenzyme A transferase. The BDO pathway consisted of a multifunctional aldehyde/alcohol

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dehydrogenase. Further described herein are additional pathways for production of BDO (see FIGS. 8-13).

As used herein, the term "non-naturally occurring" when used in reference to a microbial organism or microorganism of the invention is intended to mean that the microbial organism has at least one genetic alteration not normally found in a naturally occurring strain of the referenced species, including wild-type strains of the referenced species. Genetic alterations include, for example, modifications introducing expressible nucleic acids encoding metabolic polypeptides, other nucleic acid additions, nucleic acid deletions and/or other functional disruption of the microbial genetic material. Such modification include, for example, coding regions and functional fragments thereof, for heterologous, homologous or both heterologous and homologous polypeptides for the referenced species. Additional modifications include, for example, non-coding regulatory regions in which the modifications alter expression of a gene or operon. Exemplary metabolic polypeptides include enzymes or proteins within a biosynthetic pathway for a BDO family of compounds.

A metabolic modification refers to a biochemical reaction that is altered from its naturally occurring state. Therefore, non-naturally occurring microorganisms having genetic modifications to nucleic acids encoding metabolic polypeptides or, functional fragments thereof. Exemplary metabolic modifications are disclosed herein.

As used herein, the term "isolated" when used in reference to a microbial organism is intended to mean an organism that is substantially free of at least one component as the referenced microbial organism is found in nature. The term includes a microbial organism that is removed from some or all components as it is found in its natural environment. The term also includes a microbial organism that is removed from some or all components as the microbial organism is found in non-naturally occurring environments. Therefore, an isolated microbial organism is partly or completely separated from other substances as it is found in nature or as it is grown, stored or subsisted in non-naturally occurring environments. Specific examples of isolated microbial organisms include partially pure microbes, substantially pure microbes and microbes cultured in a medium that is non-naturally occurring.

As used herein, the terms "microbial," "microbial organism" or "microorganism" is intended to mean any organism that exists as a microscopic cell that is included within the domains of archaea, bacteria or eukarya. Therefore, the term is intended to encompass prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells or organisms having a microscopic size and includes bacteria, archaea and eubacteria of all species as well as eukaryotic microorganisms such as yeast and fungi. The term also includes cell cultures of any species that can be cultured for the production of a biochemical.

As used herein, the term "4-hydroxybutanoic acid" is intended to mean a 4-hydroxy derivative of butyric acid having the chemical formula C₄H₈O₃ and a molecular mass of 104.11 g/mol (126.09 g/mol for its sodium salt). The chemical compound 4-hydroxybutanoic acid also is known in the art as 4-HB, 4-hydroxybutyrate, gamma-hydroxybutyric acid or GHB. The term as it is used herein is intended to include any of the compound's various salt forms and include, for example, 4-hydroxybutanoate and 4-hydroxybutyrate. Specific examples of salt forms for 4-HB include sodium 4-HB and potassium 4-HB. Therefore, the terms 4-hydroxybutanoic acid, 4-HB, 4-hydroxybutyrate, 4-hydroxybutanoic acid, 4-HB, 4-hydroxybutyrate, 4-hydroxybutanoic acid, 4-HB, 4-hydroxybutyrate, 4-hydro

droxybutanoate, gamma-hydroxybutyric acid and GHB as well as other art recognized names are used synonymously berein

As used herein, the term "monomeric" when used in reference to 4-HB is intended to mean 4-HB in a non-5 polymeric or underivatized form. Specific examples of polymeric 4-HB include poly-4-hydroxybutanoic acid and copolymers of, for example, 4-HB and 3-HB. A specific example of a derivatized form of 4-HB is 4-HB-CoA. Other polymeric 4-HB forms and other derivatized forms of 4-HB also 10 are known in the art.

As used herein, the term " $\gamma$ -butyrolactone" is intended to mean a lactone having the chemical formula  $C_4H_6O_2$  and a molecular mass of 86.089 g/mol. The chemical compound  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone also is know in the art as GBL, butyrolactone, 1,4-lactone, 4-butyrolactone, 4-hydroxybutyric acid lactone, and gamma-hydroxybutyric acid lactone. The term as it is used herein is intended to include any of the compound's various salt forms.

As used herein, the term "1,4-butanediol" is intended to 20 mean an alcohol derivative of the alkane butane, carrying two hydroxyl groups which has the chemical formula  $\rm C_4H_{10}O_2$  and a molecular mass of 90.12 g/mol. The chemical compound 1,4-butanediol also is known in the art as BDO and is a chemical intermediate or precursor for a 25 family of compounds referred to herein as BDO family of compounds.

As used herein, the term "tetrahydrofuran" is intended to mean a heterocyclic organic compound corresponding to the fully hydrogenated analog of the aromatic compound furan 30 which has the chemical formula C₄H₈O and a molecular mass of 72.11 g/mol. The chemical compound tetrahydrofuran also is known in the art as THF, tetrahydrofuran, 1,4-epoxybutane, butylene oxide, cyclotetramethylene oxide, oxacyclopentane, diethylene oxide, oxolane, furanidine, hydrofuran, tetra-methylene oxide. The term as it is used herein is intended to include any of the compound's various salt forms.

As used herein, the term "CoA" or "coenzyme A" is intended to mean an organic cofactor or prosthetic group 40 (nonprotein portion of an enzyme) whose presence is required for the activity of many enzymes (the apoenzyme) to form an active enzyme system. Coenzyme A functions in certain condensing enzymes, acts in acetyl or other acyl group transfer and in fatty acid synthesis and oxidation, 45 pyruvate oxidation and in other acetylation.

As used herein, the term "substantially anaerobic" when used in reference to a culture or growth condition is intended to mean that the amount of oxygen is less than about 10% of saturation for dissolved oxygen in liquid media. The term 50 also is intended to include sealed chambers of liquid or solid medium maintained with an atmosphere of less than about 1% oxygen.

The non-naturally occurring microbal organisms of the invention can contain stable genetic alterations, which refers 55 to microorganisms that can be cultured for greater than five generations without loss of the alteration. Generally, stable genetic alterations include modifications that persist greater than 10 generations, particularly stable modifications will persist more than about 25 generations, and more particularly, stable genetic modifications will be greater than 50 generations, including indefinitely.

Those skilled in the art will understand that the genetic alterations, including metabolic modifications exemplified herein are described with reference to a suitable source 65 organism such as *E. coli*, yeast, or other organisms disclosed herein and their corresponding metabolic reactions or a

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suitable source organism for desired genetic material such as genes encoding enzymes for their corresponding metabolic reactions. However, given the complete genome sequencing of a wide variety of organisms and the high level of skill in the area of genomics, those skilled in the art will readily be able to apply the teachings and guidance provided herein to essentially all other organisms. For example, the *E. coli* metabolic alterations exemplified herein can readily be applied to other species by incorporating the same or analogous encoding nucleic acid from species other than the referenced species. Such genetic alterations include, for example, genetic alterations of species homologs, in general, and in particular, orthologs, paralogs or nonorthologous gene displacements.

An ortholog is a gene or genes that are related by vertical descent and are responsible for substantially the same or identical functions in different organisms. For example, mouse epoxide hydrolase and human epoxide hydrolase can be considered orthologs for the biological function of hydrolysis of epoxides. Genes are related by vertical descent when, for example, they share sequence similarity of sufficient amount to indicate they are homologous, or related by evolution from a common ancestor. Genes can also be considered orthologs if they share three-dimensional structure but not necessarily sequence similarity, of a sufficient amount to indicate that they have evolved from a common ancestor to the extent that the primary sequence similarity is not identifiable. Genes that are orthologous can encode proteins with sequence similarity of about 25% to 100% amino acid sequence identity. Genes encoding proteins sharing an amino acid similarity less that 25% can also be considered to have arisen by vertical descent if their threedimensional structure also shows similarities. Members of the serine protease family of enzymes, including tissue plasminogen activator and elastase, are considered to have arisen by vertical descent from a common ancestor.

Orthologs include genes or their encoded gene products that through, for example, evolution, have diverged in structure or overall activity. For example, where one species encodes a gene product exhibiting two functions and where such functions have been separated into distinct genes in a second species, the three genes and their corresponding products are considered to be orthologs. For the growthcoupled production of a biochemical product, those skilled in the art will understand that the orthologous gene harboring the metabolic activity to be disrupted is to be chosen for construction of the non-naturally occurring microorganism. An example of orthologs exhibiting separable activities is where distinct activities have been separated into distinct gene products between two or more species or within a single species. A specific example is the separation of elastase proteolysis and plasminogen proteolysis, two types of serine protease activity, into distinct molecules as plasminogen activator and elastase. A second example is the separation of mycoplasma 5'-3' exonuclease and Drosophila DNA polymerase III activity. The DNA polymerase from the first species can be considered an ortholog to either or both of the exonuclease or the polymerase from the second species and vice versa.

In contrast, paralogs are homologs related by, for example, duplication followed by evolutionary divergence and have similar or common, but not identical functions. Paralogs can originate or derive from, for example, the same species or from a different species. For example, microsomal epoxide hydrolase (epoxide hydrolase I) and soluble epoxide hydrolase (epoxide hydrolase II) can be considered paralogs because they represent two distinct enzymes, co-evolved

from a common ancestor, that catalyze distinct reactions and have distinct functions in the same species. Paralogs are proteins from the same species with significant sequence similarity to each other suggesting that they are homologous, or related through co-evolution from a common ancestor. Groups of paralogous protein families include HipA homologs, luciferase genes, peptidases, and others.

A nonorthologous gene displacement is a nonorthologous gene from one species that can substitute for a referenced gene function in a different species. Substitution includes, for example, being able to perform substantially the same or a similar function in the species of origin compared to the referenced function in the different species. Although generally, a nonorthologous gene displacement will be identifiable as structurally related to a known gene encoding the referenced function, less structurally related but functionally similar genes and their corresponding gene products nevertheless will still fall within the meaning of the term as it is used herein. Functional similarity requires, for example, at 20 least some structural similarity in the active site or binding region of a nonorthologous gene compared to a gene encoding the function sought to be substituted. Therefore, a nonorthologous gene includes, for example, a paralog or an unrelated gene.

Therefore, in identifying and constructing the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention having 4-HB, GBL and/or BDO biosynthetic capability, those skilled in the art will understand with applying the teaching and guidance provided herein to a particular species that the 30 identification of metabolic modifications can include identification and inclusion or inactivation of orthologs. To the extent that paralogs and/or nonorthologous gene displacements are present in the referenced microorganism that encode an enzyme catalyzing a similar or substantially 35 similar metabolic reaction, those skilled in the art also can utilize these evolutionally related genes.

Orthologs, paralogs and nonorthologous gene displacements can be determined by methods well known to those skilled in the art. For example, inspection of nucleic acid or 40 amino acid sequences for two polypeptides will reveal sequence identity and similarities between the compared sequences. Based on such similarities, one skilled in the art can determine if the similarity is sufficiently high to indicate the proteins are related through evolution from a common 45 ancestor. Algorithms well known to those skilled in the art, such as Align, BLAST, Clustal W and others compare and determine a raw sequence similarity or identity, and also determine the presence or significance of gaps in the sequence which can be assigned a weight or score. Such 50 algorithms also are known in the art and are similarly applicable for determining nucleotide sequence similarity or identity. Parameters for sufficient similarity to determine relatedness are computed based on well known methods for similar match in a random polypeptide, and the significance of the match determined. A computer comparison of two or more sequences can, if desired, also be optimized visually by those skilled in the art. Related gene products or proteins can be expected to have a high similarity, for example, 25% 60 to 100% sequence identity. Proteins that are unrelated can have an identity which is essentially the same as would be expected to occur by chance, if a database of sufficient size is scanned (about 5%). Sequences between 5% and 24% may or may not represent sufficient homology to conclude 65 that the compared sequences are related. Additional statistical analysis to determine the significance of such matches

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given the size of the data set can be carried out to determine the relevance of these sequences.

Exemplary parameters for determining relatedness of two or more sequences using the BLAST algorithm, for example, can be as set forth below. Briefly, amino acid sequence alignments can be performed using BLASTP version 2.0.8 (Jan. 5, 1999) and the following parameters: Matrix: 0 BLOSUM62; gap open: 11; gap extension: 1; x_dropoff: 50; expect: 10.0; wordsize: 3; filter: on. Nucleic acid sequence alignments can be performed using BLASTN version 2.0.6 (Sep. 16, 1998) and the following parameters: Match: 1; mismatch: -2; gap open: 5; gap extension: 2; x_dropoff: 50; expect: 10.0; wordsize: 11; filter: off Those skilled in the art will know what modifications can be made to the above parameters to either increase or decrease the stringency of the comparison, for example, and determine the relatedness of two or more sequences.

Disclosed herein are non-naturally occurring microbial biocatalyst or microbial organisms including a microbial organism having a 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB) biosynthetic pathway that includes at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, CoAindependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, succinyl-CoA synthetase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, glutamate: succinic semialdehyde transaminase, alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase, or glutamate decarboxylase, wherein the exogenous nucleic acid is expressed in sufficient amounts to produce monomeric 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB). 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase is also referred to as 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase or 4-HB dehydrogenase. Succinyl-CoA synthetase is also referred to as succinyl-CoA synthase or succinyl-CoA ligase.

Also disclosed herein is a non-naturally occurring microbial biocatalyst or microbial organism including a microbial organism having a 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB) biosynthetic pathway having at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, succinyl-CoA synthetase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, or α-ketoglutarate decarboxylase, wherein the exogenous nucleic acid is expressed in sufficient amounts to produce monomeric 4-hydroxybutanoic acid

The non-naturally occurring microbial biocatalysts or microbial organisms can include microbial organisms that employ combinations of metabolic reactions for biosynthetically producing the compounds of the invention. The biosynthesized compounds can be produced intracellularly and/ or secreted into the culture medium. Exemplary compounds produced by the non-naturally occurring microorganisms include, for example, 4-hydroxybutanoic acid, 1,4-butanediol and y-butyrolactone.

In one embodiment, a non-naturally occurring microbial calculating statistical similarity, or the chance of finding a 55 organism is engineered to produce 4-HB. This compound is one useful entry point into the 1,4-butanediol family of compounds. The biochemical reactions for formation of 4-HB from succinate, from succinate through succinyl-CoA or from  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate are shown in steps 1-8 of FIG. 1.

It is understood that any combination of appropriate enzymes of a BDO pathway can be used so long as conversion from a starting component to the BDO product is achieved. Thus, it is understood that any of the metabolic pathways disclosed herein can be utilized and that it is well understood to those skilled in the art how to select appropriate enzymes to achieve a desired pathway, as disclosed herein.

In another embodiment, disclosed herein is a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a 1,4-butanediol (BDO) pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 5 BDO, the BDO pathway comprising 4-aminobutyrate CoA transferase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-aminobutyrate-CoA ligase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA oxidoreductase (deaminating), 4-aminobutyryl-CoA transaminase, or 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase (see Example VII Table 10 17). The BDO pathway further can comprise 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase, or 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase.

It is understood by those skilled in the art that various combinations of the pathways can be utilized, as disclosed 15 herein. For example, in a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, the nucleic acids can encode 4-aminobutyrate CoA transferase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA hydrolase, or 4-aminobutyrate-CoA ligase; 4-aminobutyryl-CoA oxidoreductase (deaminating) or 4-aminobutyryl-CoA transaminase; and 20 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase. Other exemplary combinations are specifically describe below and further can be found in FIGS. 8-13. For example, the BDO pathway can further comprise 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase, or 1,4-butane-25 diol dehydrogenase.

Additionally disclosed herein is a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a BDO pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in 30 a sufficient amount to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising 4-aminobutyrate CoA transferase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-aminobutyrate-CoA ligase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 4-aminobutyryl-CoA reductase, 4-aminobutan-1-ol dehydrogenase, 35 4-aminobutan-1-ol oxidoreductase (deaminating) or 4-aminobutan-1-ol transaminase (see Example VII and Table 18), and can further comprise 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase. For example, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode 4-aminobutyrate CoA transferase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 40 or 4-aminobutyrate-CoA ligase; 4-aminobutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming); and 4-aminobutan-1-ol oxidoreductase (deaminating) or 4-aminobutan-1-ol transaminase. In addition, the nucleic acids can encode. 4-aminobutyrate CoA transferase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA hydrolase, or 4-amin- 45 obutyrate-CoA ligase; 4-aminobutyryl-CoA reductase; 4-aminobutan-1-ol dehydrogenase; and 4-aminobutan-1-ol oxidoreductase (deaminating) or 4-aminobutan-1-ol transaminase.

Also disclosed herein is a non-naturally occurring micro- 50 bial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a BDO pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising 4-aminobutyrate kinase, 4-aminobutyraldehyde 55 dehydrogenase (phosphorylating), 4-aminobutan-1-ol dehydrogenase, 4-aminobutan-1-oloxidoreductase (deaminating), 4-aminobutan-1-ol transaminase, [(4-aminobutanolyl) oxy]phosphonic acid oxidoreductase (deaminating), [(4aminobutanolyl)oxy]phosphonic acid transaminase, 60 4-hydroxybutyryl-phosphate dehydrogenase, or 4-hydroxybutyraldehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating) (see Example VII and Table 19). For example, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode 4-aminobutyrate kinase; 4-aminobutyraldehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating); 4-amin- 65 obutan-1-ol dehydrogenase; and 4-aminobutan-1-ol oxidoreductase (deaminating) or 4-aminobutan-1-ol

transaminase. Alternatively, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode 4-aminobutyrate kinase; [(4-aminobutanolyl)oxy] phosphonic acid oxidoreductase (deaminating) or [(4-aminobutanolyl)oxy]phosphonic acid transaminase; 4-hydroxybutyryl-phosphate dehydrogenase; and

4-hydroxybutyraldehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating). Additionally disclosed herein is a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a BDO pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising alpha-ketoglutarate 5-kinase, 2,5-dioxopentanoic semialdehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating), 2,5dioxopentanoic acid reductase, alpha-ketoglutarate CoA transferase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA hydrolase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA ligase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA reductase, 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 5-hydroxy-2oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase, or 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxylation) (see Example VIII and Table 20). The BDO pathway can further comprise 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase, or 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase. For example, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode alpha-ketoglutarate 5-kinase; 2,5-dioxopentanoic semialdehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating); 2,5-dioxopentanoic acid reductase; and 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase. Alternatively, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode alpha-ketoglutarate 5-kinase; 2,5-dioxopentanoic semialdehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating); 2,5-dioxopentanoic acid reductase; and 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxylation). Alternatively, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode alpha-ketoglutarate CoA transferase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA hydrolase, or alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA ligase; alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA reductase, 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase; and 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase. In another embodiment, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode alpha-ketoglutarate CoA transferase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA hydrolase, or alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA ligase; alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA reductase, 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase, and 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxylation). Alternatively, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode alpha-ketoglutarate CoA transferase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA hydrolase, or alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA ligase; alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming); and 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase. In yet another embodiment, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode alpha-ketoglutarate CoA transferase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA hydrolase, or alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA ligase; alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming); and 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxylation).

Further disclosed herein is a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a BDO pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising glutamate CoA transferase, glutamyl-CoA hydrolase, glutamyl-CoA ligase, glutamate 5-kinase, glutamate-5-semialdehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating), glutamyl-CoA reductase, glutamate-5-semialdehyde reductase, glutamyl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid oxidoreductase (deaminating), 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid transaminase, 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxylation) (see Example

IX and Table 21). For example, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode glutamate CoA transferase, glutamyl-CoA hydrolase, or glutamyl-CoA ligase; glutamyl-CoA reductase; glutamate-5-semialdehyde reductase; 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid oxidoreductase (deaminating) or 5 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid transaminase; and 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase or 5-hydroxy-2oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxylation). Alternatively, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode glutamate 5-kinase; glutamate-5-semialdehyde dehydrogenase (phos- 10 phorylating); glutamate-5-semialdehyde reductase; 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid oxidoreductase (deaminating) or 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid transaminase; and 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase or 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxy- 15 lation). In still another embodiment, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode glutamate CoA transferase, glutamyl-CoA hydrolase, or glutamyl-CoA ligase; glutamyl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming); 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid oxidoreductase (deaminating) or 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic 20 acid transaminase; and 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase or 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxylation). In yet another embodiment, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode glutamate 5-kinase; glutamate-5-semialdehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylat- 25 ing); 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid oxidoreductase (deaminating) or 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic transaminase; and 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase or 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxylation).

Also disclosed herein is a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a BDO pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase, vinylacetyl-CoA A-isomerase, or 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase (see Example X and Table 22). For example, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase; 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase; vinylacetyl-CoA A-isomerase; and 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase.

Further disclosed herein is a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a BDO pathway comprising at least one exogenous 45 nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising homoserine deaminase, homoserine CoA transferase, homoserine-CoA hydrolase, homoserine-CoA ligase, homoserine-CoA deaminase, 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA 50 transferase, 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA hydrolase, 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA 4-hydroxybut-2-enoate ligase, reductase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA transferase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA ligase, or 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA reductase (see Example XI and Table 55 23). For example, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode homoserine deaminase; 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA transferase, 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA hydrolase, 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA ligase; 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA reductase. Alternatively, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode 60 homoserine CoA transferase, homoserine-CoA hydrolase, or homoserine-CoA ligase; homoserine-CoA deaminase; and 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA reductase. In a further embodiment, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode homoserine deaminase; 4-hydroxybut-2-enoate reductase; and 4-hy- 65 droxybutyryl-CoA transferase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA hydrolase, or 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA ligase. Alternatively,

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the exogenous nucleic acids can encode homoserine CoA transferase, homoserine-CoA hydrolase, or homoserine-CoA ligase; homoserine-CoA deaminase; and 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA reductase.

Further disclosed herein is a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a BDO pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BOD, the BDO pathway comprising succinyl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA ligase, 4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase (phosphorylating) (see Table 15). Such a BDO pathway can further comprise succinyl-CoA reductase, 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA transferase, 4-hydroxybutyrate kinase, phosphotrans-4-hydroxybutyrylase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), or 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase.

Additionally disclosed herein is a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a BDO pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising glutamate dehydrogenase, 4-aminobutyrate oxidoreductase (deaminating), 4-aminobutyrate transaminase, glutamate decarboxylase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA ligase, 4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase (phosphorylating)(see Table 16). Such a BDO pathway can further comprise alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase, 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA transferase, 4-hydroxybutyrate kinase, phosphotrans-4-hydroxybutyrylase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), or 1,4butanediol dehydrogenase.

The pathways described above are merely exemplary. One skilled in the art can readily select appropriate pathways from those disclosed herein to obtain a suitable BDO pathway or other metabolic pathway, as desired.

Table 22). For example, the exogenous nucleic acids can encode 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase; 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase; 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase; vinylacetyl-CoA A-isomerase; and 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase.

Further disclosed herein is a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a BDO pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, the BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, the BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO. In one embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified organisms that allow improved production of a desired product such as BDO by increasing the product or decreasing undesirable byproducts. As disclosed herein, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a 1,4-butanediol (BDO) pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO. In one embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified organisms that allow improved production of a desired product such as BDO by increasing the product or decreasing undesirable byproducts. As disclosed herein, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO. In one embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified organisms that allow improved product or decreasing undesirable byproducts. As disclosed herein, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO. In one embodiment, the microbial organism having a 1,4-butanediol (BDO) pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO. In one embodiment, the microbial organism having a 1,4-bu

In another embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase (see Example XIII). For example, the alphaketoglutarate decarboxylase can be encoded by the Mycobacterium bovis sucA gene. In still another embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase and 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase and optionally 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA/acetyl-CoA transferase (see Example XIII). For example, the succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase (CoAdependent), 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase and 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA/acetyl-CoA transferase can be encoded by Porphyromonas gingivalis W83 genes. In an additional embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous butyrate kinase and phosphotransbutyrylase (see Example XIII). For example, the butyrate

kinase and phosphotransbutyrylase can be encoded by *Clostridium acetobutilicum* bukl and ptb genes.

In yet another embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (see Example XIII). For example, the 5 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase can be encoded by Clostridium beijerinckii ald gene. Additionally, in an embodiment of the invention, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous 4-hydroxybutanal reductase (see Example XIII). For example, the 4-hydroxybutanal reductase can be encoded by Geobacillus thermoglucosidasius adh1 gene. In another embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous pyruvate dehydrogenase subunits (see Example XIV). For example, the exogenous pyruvate dehydrogenase can be NADH insensitive. The pyruvate dehydrogenase subunit can be encoded by the Klebsiella pneumonia lpdA gene. In a particular embodiment, the pyruvate dehydrogenase subunit genes of the microbial organism can be under the control of 20 a pyruvate formate lyase promoter.

In still another embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to disrupt a gene encoding an aerobic respiratory control regulatory system (see Example XV). For example, the disruption can be of the arcA gene. Such 25 an organism can further comprise disruption of a gene encoding malate dehydrogenase. In a further embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express an exogenous NADH insensitive citrate synthase (see Example XV). For example, the NADH insensitive citrate synthase 30 can be encoded by gltA, such as an R163L mutant of gltA. In still another embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (see Example XVI). For example, the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase can be 35 encoded by an Haemophilus influenza phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase gene.

It is understood that any of a number of genetic modifications, as disclosed herein, can be used alone or in various combinations of one or more of the genetic modifications 40 disclosed herein to increase the production of BDO in a BDO producing microbial organism. In a particular embodiment, the microbial organism can be genetically modified to incorporate any and up to all of the genetic modifications that lead to increased production of BDO. In a particular 45 embodiment, the microbial organism containing a BDO pathway can be genetically modified to express exogenous succinyl-CoA synthetase; to express exogenous alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase; to express exogenous succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase and 4-hydroxybutyrate dehy- 50 drogenase and optionally 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA/acetyl-CoA transferase; to express exogenous butyrate kinase and phosphotransbutyrylase; to express exogenous 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase; and to express exogenous 4-hydroxybutanal reductase; to express exogenous pyruvate 55 dehydrogenase; to disrupt a gene encoding an aerobic respiratory control regulatory system; to express an exogenous NADH insensitive citrate synthase; and to express exogenous phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase. Such strains for improved production are described in Examples XII-XIX. It 60 is thus understood that, in addition to the modifications described above, such strains can additionally include other modifications disclosed herein. Such modifications include, but are not limited to, deletion of endogenous lactate dehydrogenase (ldhA), alcohol dehydrogenase (adhE), and/or 65 pyruvate formate lyase (pflB)(see Examples XII-XIX and Table 28).

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Additionally provided is a microbial organism in which one or more genes encoding the exogenously expressed enzymes are integrated into the fimD locus of the host organism (see Example XVII). For example, one or more genes encoding a BDO pathway enzyme can be integrated into the fimD locus for increased production of BDO. Further provided is a microbial organism expressing a non-phosphotransferase sucrose uptake system that increases production of BDO.

Although the genetically modified microbial organisms disclosed herein are exemplified with microbial organisms containing particular BDO pathway enzymes, it is understood that such modifications can be incorporated into any microbial organism having a BDO pathway suitable for enhanced production in the presence of the genetic modifications. The microbial organisms of the invention can thus have any of the BDO pathways disclosed herein. For example, the BDO pathway can comprise 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, succinyl-CoA synthetase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, 4-hydroxybutransferase, 4-butyrate phosphotransbutyrylase, alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase, aldehyde dehydrogenase, alcohol dehydrogenase or an aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase (see FIG. 1). Alternatively, the BDO pathway can comprise 4-aminobutyrate CoA transferase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-aminobutyrate-CoAligase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA oxidoreductase (deaminat-4-aminobutyryl-CoA transaminase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase (see Table 17). Such a BDO pathway can further comprise 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase, or 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase

Additionally, the BDO pathway can comprise 4-aminobutyrate CoA transferase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-aminobutyrate-CoA ligase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 4-aminobutyryl-CoA reductase, 4-aminobutan-1-ol dehydrogenase, 4-aminobutan-1-ol oxidoreductase (deaminating) or 4-aminobutan-1-ol transaminase (see Table 18). Also, the BDO pathway can comprise 4-aminobutyrate kinase, 4-aminobutyraldehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating), 4-aminobutan-1-ol dehydrogenase, 4-aminobutan-1-oloxidoreductase (deaminating), 4-aminobutan-1-ol transaminase, [(4-aminobutanolyl)oxy]phosphonic acid oxidoreductase (deaminating), [(4-aminobutanolyl)oxy]phosphonic acid transaminase. 4-hydroxybutyryl-phosphate dehydrogenase, or 4-hydroxybutyraldehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating) (see Table 19). Such a pathway can further comprise 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase.

The BDO pathway can also comprise alpha-ketoglutarate 5-kinase, 2,5-dioxopentanoic semialdehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating), 2,5-dioxopentanoic acid reductase, alpha-ketoglutarate CoA transferase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA hydrolase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA ligase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA reductase, 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase, or 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxylation)(see Table 20). Such a BDO pathway can further comprise 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase, or 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase. Additionally, the BDO pathway can comprise glutamate CoA transferase, glutamyl-CoA hydrolase, glutamyl-CoA ligase, glutamate 5-kinase, glutamate-5semialdehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating), glutamyl-CoA reductase, glutamate-5-semialdehyde reductase, glutamyl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 2-amino-5-

hydroxypentanoic acid oxidoreductase (deaminating), 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid transaminase, 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase, 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxylation) (see Table 21). Such a BDO pathway can further comprise 4-hydroxybu- 5 tyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase, or 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase.

Additionally, the BDO pathway can comprise 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase, vinylacetyl-CoAA-isomerase, or 4-hydroxybutyryl- 10 CoA dehydratase (see Table 22). Also, the BDO pathway can comprise homoserine deaminase, homoserine CoA transferase, homoserine-CoA hydrolase, homoserine-CoA ligase, homoserine-CoA deaminase, 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA transferase, 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA hydrolase, 4-hy- 15 droxybut-2-enoyl-CoA ligase, 4-hydroxybut-2-enoate reductase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA transferase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA ligase, or 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA reductase (see Table 23). Such a BDO pathway can further comprise 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA 20 reductase (alcohol forming), 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase, or 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase.

The BDO pathway can additionally comprise succinyl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA ligase, or 4-hydroxybuta- 25 nal dehydrogenase (phosphorylating) (see Table 15). Such a pathway can further comprise succinyl-CoA reductase, 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA transferase, 4-hydroxybutyrate kinase, phosphotrans-4-hydroxybutyrylase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase, 4-hy- 30 droxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), or 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase. Also, the BDO pathway can comprise glutamate dehydrogenase, 4-aminobutyrate oxidoreductase (deaminating), 4-aminobutyrate transaminase, glutamate decarboxylase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 35 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA ligase, or 4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase (phosphorylating) (see Table 16). Such a BDO pathway can further comprise alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase, 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase, 4-hydroxybutrans-4-hydroxybutyrylase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), or 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase.

The invention is described herein with general reference to the metabolic reaction, reactant or product thereof, or with 45 specific reference to one or more nucleic acids or genes encoding an enzyme associated with or catalyzing the referenced metabolic reaction, reactant or product. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, those skilled in the art will understand that reference to a reaction also constitutes 50 reference to the reactants and products of the reaction. Similarly, unless otherwise expressly stated herein, reference to a reactant or product also references the reaction and that reference to any of these metabolic constitutes also references the gene or genes encoding the enzymes that 55 catalyze the referenced reaction, reactant or product. Likewise, given the well known fields of metabolic biochemistry, enzymology and genomics, reference herein to a gene or encoding nucleic acid also constitutes a reference to the corresponding encoded enzyme and the reaction it catalyzes 60 as well as the reactants and products of the reaction.

The production of 4-HB via biosynthetic modes using the microbial organisms of the invention is particularly useful because it can produce monomeric 4-HB. The non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention and their 65 biosynthesis of 4-HB and BDO family compounds also is particularly useful because the 4-HB product can be (1)

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secreted; (2) can be devoid of any derivatizations such as Coenzyme A; (3) avoids thermodynamic changes during biosynthesis; (4) allows direct biosynthesis of BDO, and (5) allows for the spontaneous chemical conversion of 4-HB to γ-butyrolactone (GBL) in acidic pH medium. This latter characteristic also is particularly useful for efficient chemical synthesis or biosynthesis of BDO family compounds such as 1,4-butanediol and/or tetrahydrofuran (THF), for example.

Microbial organisms generally lack the capacity to synthesize 4-HB and therefore any of the compounds disclosed herein to be within the 1,4-butanediol family of compounds or known by those in the art to be within the 1,4-butanediol family of compounds. Moreover, organisms having all of the requisite metabolic enzymatic capabilities are not known to produce 4-HB from the enzymes described and biochemical pathways exemplified herein. Rather, with the possible exception of a few anaerobic microorganisms described further below, the microorganisms having the enzymatic capability use 4-HB as a substrate to produce, for example, succinate. In contrast, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention can generate 4-HB or BDO as a product. As described above, the biosynthesis of 4-HB in its monomeric form is not only particularly useful in chemical synthesis of BDO family of compounds, it also allows for the further biosynthesis of BDO family compounds and avoids altogether chemical synthesis procedures.

The non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention that can produce 4-HB or BDO are produced by ensuring that a host microbial organism includes functional capabilities for the complete biochemical synthesis of at least one 4-HB or BDO biosynthetic pathway of the invention. Ensuring at least one requisite 4-HB or BDO biosynthetic pathway confers 4-HB biosynthesis capability onto the host microbial organism.

Five 4-HB biosynthetic pathways are exemplified herein and shown for purposes of illustration in FIG. 1. Additional 4-HB and BDO pathways are described in FIGS. 8-13. One 4-HB biosynthetic pathway includes the biosynthesis of tyryl-CoA transferase, 4-hydroxybutyrate kinase, phospho- 40 4-HB from succinate (the succinate pathway). The enzymes participating in this 4-HB pathway include CoA-independent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase and 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase. In this pathway, CoA-independent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase catalyzes the reverse reaction to the arrow shown in FIG. 1. Another 4-HB biosynthetic pathway includes the biosynthesis from succinate through succinvl-CoA (the succinvl-CoA pathway). The enzymes participating in this 4-HB pathway include succinyl-CoA synthetase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase and 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase. Three other 4-HB biosynthetic pathways include the biosynthesis of 4-HB from  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate (the  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate pathways). Hence, a third 4-HB biosynthetic pathway is the biosynthesis of succinic semialdehyde through glutamate: succinic semialdehyde transaminase, glutamate decarboxylase and 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase. A fourth 4-HB biosynthetic pathway also includes the biosynthesis of 4-HB from  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate, but utilizes  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate decarboxylase to catalyze succinic semialdehyde synthesis. 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase catalyzes the conversion of succinic semialdehyde to 4-HB. A fifth 4-HB biosynthetic pathway includes the biosynthesis from α-ketoglutarate through succinyl-CoA and utilizes  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase to produce succinyl-CoA, which funnels into the succinyl-CoA pathway described above. Each of these 4-HB biosynthetic pathways, their substrates, reactants and products are described further below in the Examples. As

described herein, 4-HB can further be biosynthetically converted to BDO by inclusion of appropriate enzymes to produce BDO (see Example). Thus, it is understood that a 4-HB pathway can be used with enzymes for converting 4-HB to BDO to generate a BDO pathway.

The non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention can be produced by introducing expressible nucleic acids encoding one or more of the enzymes participating in one or more 4-HB or BDO biosynthetic pathways. Depending on the host microbial organism chosen for bio- 10 synthesis, nucleic acids for some or all of a particular 4-HB or BDO biosynthetic pathway can be expressed. For example, if a chosen host is deficient in one or more enzymes in a desired biosynthetic pathway, for example, the succinate to 4-HB pathway, then expressible nucleic acids 15 for the deficient enzyme(s), for example, both CoA-independent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase and 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase in this example, are introduced into the host for subsequent exogenous expression. Alternatively, if the chosen host exhibits endogenous 20 expression of some pathway enzymes, but is deficient in others, then an encoding nucleic acid is needed for the deficient enzyme(s) to achieve 4-HB or BDO biosynthesis. For example, if the chosen host exhibits endogenous CoAindependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, but is 25 deficient in 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, then an encoding nucleic acid is needed for this enzyme to achieve 4-HB biosynthesis. Thus, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention can be produced by introducing exogenous enzyme or protein activities to obtain a 30 desired biosynthetic pathway or a desired biosynthetic pathway can be obtained by introducing one or more exogenous enzyme or protein activities that, together with one or more endogenous enzymes or proteins, produces a desired product such as 4-HB or BDO.

In like fashion, where 4-HB biosynthesis is selected to occur through the succinate to succinyl-CoA pathway (the succinyl-CoA pathway), encoding nucleic acids for host deficiencies in the enzymes succinyl-CoA synthetase, CoAdependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase and/or 40 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase are to be exogenously expressed in the recipient host. Selection of 4-HB biosynthesis through the α-ketoglutarate to succinic semialdehyde pathway (the α-ketoglutarate pathway) can utilize exogenous expression for host deficiencies in one or more of the 45 enzymes for glutamate: succinic semialdehyde transaminase, glutamate decarboxylase and/or 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, or a-ketoglutarate decarboxylase and 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase. One skilled in the art can readily determine pathway enzymes for production of 4-HB 50 or BDO, as disclosed herein.

Depending on the 4-HB or BDO biosynthetic pathway constituents of a selected host microbial organism, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention will include at least one exogenously expressed 4-HB or 55 BDO pathway-encoding nucleic acid and up to all encoding nucleic acids for one or more 4-HB or BDO biosynthetic pathways. For example, 4-HB or BDO biosynthesis can be established in a host deficient in a pathway enzyme or protein through exogenous expression of the corresponding 60 encoding nucleic acid. In a host deficient in all enzymes or proteins of a 4-HB or BDO pathway, exogenous expression of all enzyme or proteins in the pathway can be included, although it is understood that all enzymes or proteins of a pathway can be expressed even if the host contains at least 65 one of the pathway enzymes or proteins. For example, 4-HB biosynthesis can be established from all five pathways in a

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host deficient in 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase through exogenous expression of a 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase encoding nucleic acid. In contrast, 4-HB biosynthesis can be established from all five pathways in a host deficient in all eight enzymes through exogenous expression of all eight of CoA-independent succinic semi-aldehyde dehydrogenase, succinyl-CoA synthetase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, glutamate: succinic semialdehyde transaminase, glutamate decarboxylase,  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate decarboxylase,  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase and 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase

Given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art will understand that the number of encoding nucleic acids to introduce in an expressible form will, at least, parallel the 4-HB or BDO pathway deficiencies of the selected host microbial organism. Therefore, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention can have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight or up to all nucleic acids encoding the enzymes disclosed herein constituting one or more 4-HB or BDO biosynthetic pathways. In some embodiments, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms also can include other genetic modifications that facilitate or optimize 4-HB or BDO biosynthesis or that confer other useful functions onto the host microbial organism. One such other functionality can include, for example, augmentation of the synthesis of one or more of the 4-HB pathway precursors such as succinate, succinyl-CoA, α-ketoglutarate, 4-aminobutyrate, glutamate, acetoacetyl-CoA, and/or homoserine.

Generally, a host microbial organism is selected such that it produces the precursor of a 4-HB or BDO pathway, either as a naturally produced molecule or as an engineered product that either provides de novo production of a desired precursor or increased production of a precursor naturally produced by the host microbial organism. For example, succinyl-CoA,  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate, 4-aminobutyrate, glutamate, acetoacetyl-CoA, and homoserine are produced naturally in a host organism such as  $E.\ coli.$  A host organism can be engineered to increase production of a precursor, as disclosed herein. In addition, a microbial organism that has been engineered to produce a desired precursor can be used as a host organism and further engineered to express enzymes or proteins of a 4-HB or BDO pathway.

In some embodiments, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention is generated from a host that contains the enzymatic capability to synthesize 4-HB or BDO. In this specific embodiment it can be useful to increase the synthesis or accumulation of a 4-HB or BDO pathway product to, for example, drive 4-HB or BDO pathway reactions toward 4-HB or BDO production. Increased synthesis or accumulation can be accomplished by, for example, overexpression of nucleic acids encoding one or more of the 4-HB or BDO pathway enzymes disclosed herein. Over expression of the 4-HB or BDO pathway enzyme or enzymes can occur, for example, through exogenous expression of the endogenous gene or genes, or through exogenous expression of the heterologous gene or genes. Therefore, naturally occurring organisms can be readily generated to be non-naturally 4-HB or BDO producing microbial organisms of the invention through overexpression of one, two, three, four, five, six and so forth up to all nucleic acids encoding 4-HB or BDO biosynthetic pathway enzymes. In addition, a non-naturally occurring organism can be generated by mutagenesis of an endogenous gene that results in an increase in activity of an enzyme in the 4-HB or BDO biosynthetic pathway.

In particularly useful embodiments, exogenous expression of the encoding nucleic acids is employed. Exogenous expression confers the ability to custom tailor the expression and/or regulatory elements to the host and application to achieve a desired expression level that is controlled by the 5 user. However, endogenous expression also can be utilized in other embodiments such as by removing a negative regulatory effector or induction of the gene's promoter when linked to an inducible promoter or other regulatory element. Thus, an endogenous gene having a naturally occurring 10 inducible promoter can be up-regulated by providing the appropriate inducing agent, or the regulatory region of an endogenous gene can be engineered to incorporate an inducible regulatory element, thereby allowing the regulation of increased expression of an endogenous gene at a desired 15 time. Similarly, an inducible promoter can be included as a regulatory element for an exogenous gene introduced into a non-naturally occurring microbial organism (see Examples).

"Exogenous" as it is used herein is intended to mean that the referenced molecule or the referenced activity is intro- 20 duced into the host microbial organism. The molecule can be introduced, for example, by introduction of an encoding nucleic acid into the host genetic material such as by integration into a host chromosome or as non-chromosomal genetic material such as a plasmid. Therefore, the term as it 25 is used in reference to expression of an encoding nucleic acid refers to introduction of the encoding nucleic acid in an expressible form into the microbial organism. When used in reference to a biosynthetic activity, the term refers to an activity that is introduced into the host reference organism. 30 The source can be, for example, a homologous or heterologous encoding nucleic acid that expresses the referenced activity following introduction into the host microbial organism. Therefore, the term "endogenous" refers to a referenced molecule or activity that is present in the host. 35 Similarly, the term when used in reference to expression of an encoding nucleic acid refers to expression of an encoding nucleic acid contained within the microbial organism. The term "heterologous" refers to a molecule or activity derived from a source other than the referenced species whereas 40 "homologous" refers to a molecule or activity derived from the host microbial organism. Accordingly, exogenous expression of an encoding nucleic acid of the invention can utilize either or both a heterologous or homologous encoding nucleic acid.

Sources of encoding nucleic acids for a 4-HB or BDO pathway enzyme can include, for example, any species where the encoded gene product is capable of catalyzing the referenced reaction. Such species include both prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms including, but not limited to, 50 bacteria, including archaea and eubacteria, and eukaryotes, including yeast, plant, insect, animal, and mammal, including human. Exemplary species for such sources include, for example, Escherichia coli, Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Saccharomyces kluyveri, Clostridium kluyveri, Clostridium 55 acetobutylicum, Clostridium beijerinckii, Clostridium sacperfringens, charoperbutylacetonicum, Clostridium Clostridium difficile, Clostridium botulinum, Clostridium tyrobutyricum, Clostridium tetanomorphum, Clostridium tetani, Clostridium propionicum, Clostridium aminobutyri- 60 cum, Clostridium subterminale, Clostridium sticklandii, Ralstonia eutropha, Mycobacterium bovis, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Porphyromonas gingivalis, Arabidopsis thaliana, Thermus thermophilus, Pseudomonas species, including Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Pseudomonas putida, 65 Pseudomonas stutzeri, Pseudomonas fluorescens, Homo sapiens, Oryctolagus cuniculus, Rhodobacter spaeroides,

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Thermoanaerobacter brockii, Metallosphaera sedula, Leuconostoc mesenteroides, Chloroflexus aurantiacus, Roseiflexus castenholzii, Erythrobacter, Simmondsia chinensis, Acinetobacter species, including Acinetobacter calcoaceticus and Acinetobacter baylyi, Porphyromonas gingivalis, Sulfolobus tokodaii, Sulfolobus solfataricus, Sulfolobus acidocaldarius, Bacillus subtilis, Bacillus cereus, Bacillus megaterium, Bacillus brevis, Bacillus pumilus, Rattus norvegicus, Klebsiella pneumonia, Klebsiella oxytoca, Euglena gracilis, Treponema denticola, Moorella thermoacetica, Thermotoga maritima, Halobacterium salinarum, Geobacillus stearothermophilus, Aeropyrum pernix, Sus scrofa, Caenorhabditis elegans, Corynebacterium glutamicum, Acidaminococcus fermentans, Lactococcus lactis, Lactobacillus plantarum, Streptococcus thermophilus, Enterobacter aerogenes, Candida, Aspergillus terreus, Pedicoccus pentosaceus, Zymomonas mobilus, Acetobacter pasteurians, Kluyveromyces lactis, Eubacterium barkeri, Bacteroides capillosus, Anaerotruncus colihominis, Natranaerobius thermophilusm, Campylobacter jejuni, Haemophilus influenzae, Serratia marcescens, Citrobacter amalonaticus, Myxococcus xanthus, Fusobacterium nuleatum, Penicillium chrysogenum marine gamma proteobacterium, butyrate-producing bacterium, and others disclosed herein (see Examples). For example, microbial organisms having 4-HB or BDO biosynthetic production are exemplified herein with reference to E. coli and yeast hosts. However, with the complete genome sequence available for now more than 550 species (with more than half of these available on public databases such as the NCBI), including 395 microorganism genomes and a variety of yeast, fungi, plant, and mammalian genomes, the identification of genes encoding the requisite 4-HB or BDO biosynthetic activity for one or more genes in related or distant species, including for example, homologues, orthologs, paralogs and nonorthologous gene displacements of known genes, and the interchange of genetic alterations between organisms is routine and well known in the art. Accordingly, the metabolic alterations enabling biosynthesis of 4-HB or BDO and other compounds of the invention described herein with reference to a particular organism such as E. coli or yeast can be readily applied to other microorganisms, including prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms alike. Given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art will know that a metabolic alteration exemplified in one organism can be applied equally to other organisms.

In some instances, such as when an alternative 4-HB or BDO biosynthetic pathway exists in an unrelated species, 4-HB or BDO biosynthesis can be conferred onto the host species by, for example, exogenous expression of a paralog or paralogs from the unrelated species that catalyzes a similar, yet non-identical metabolic reaction to replace the referenced reaction. Because certain differences among metabolic networks exist between different organisms, those skilled in the art will understand that the actual genes usage between different organisms may differ. However, given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art also will understand that the teachings and methods of the invention can be applied to all microbial organisms using the cognate metabolic alterations to those exemplified herein to construct a microbial organism in a species of interest that will synthesize 4-HB, such as monomeric 4-HB, or BDO.

Host microbial organisms can be selected from, and the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms generated in, for example, bacteria, yeast, fungus or any of a variety of other microorganisms applicable to fermentation processes. Exemplary bacteria include species selected from *Escheri*-

chia coli, Klebsiella oxytoca, Anaerobiospirillum succiniciproducens, Actinobacillus succinogenes, Mannheimia succiniciproducens, Rhizobium etli, Bacillus subtilis, Corynebacterium glutamicum, Gluconobacter oxydans, Zymomonas mobilis, Lactococcus lactis, Lactobacillus planstrum, Streptomyces coelicolor, Clostridium acetobutylicum, Pseudomonas fluorescens, and Pseudomonas putida. Exemplary yeasts or fungi include species selected from Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Schizosaccharomyces pombe, Kluyveromyces lactis, Kluyveromyces marxianus, Aspergillus terreus, Aspergillus niger and Pichia pastoris. E. coli is a particularly useful host organisms since it is a well characterized microbial organism suitable for genetic engineering. Other particularly useful host organisms include yeast such as Saccharomyces cerevisiae.

Methods for constructing and testing the expression levels of a non-naturally occurring 4-HB- or BDO-producing host can be performed, for example, by recombinant and detection methods well known in the art. Such methods can be found described in, for example, Sambrook et al., Molecular 20 Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, Third Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York (2001); Ausubel et al., Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley and Sons, Baltimore, Md. (1999). 4-HB and GBL can be separated by, for example, HPLC using a Spherisorb 5 ODS1 column and 25 a mobile phase of 70% 10 mM phosphate buffer (pH=7) and 30% methanol, and detected using a UV detector at 215 nm (Hennessy et al. 2004, J. Forensic Sci. 46(6):1-9). BDO is detected by gas chromatography or by HPLC and refractive index detector using an Aminex HPX-87H column and a 30 mobile phase of 0.5 mM sulfuric acid (Gonzalez-Pajuelo et al., Met. Eng. 7:329-336 (2005)).

Exogenous nucleic acid sequences involved in a pathway for production of 4-HB or BDO can be introduced stably or transiently into a host cell using techniques well known in 35 the art including, but not limited to, conjugation, electroporation, chemical transformation, transduction, transfection, and ultrasound transformation. For exogenous expression in E. coli or other prokaryotic cells, some nucleic acid sequences in the genes or cDNAs of eukaryotic nucleic acids 40 can encode targeting signals such as an N-terminal mitochondrial or other targeting signal, which can be removed before transformation into prokaryotic host cells, if desired. For example, removal of a mitochondrial leader sequence led to increased expression in E. coli (Hoffmeister et al., J. 45 Biol. Chem. 280:4329-4338 (2005)). For exogenous expression in veast or other eukaryotic cells, genes can be expressed in the cytosol without the addition of leader sequence, or can be targeted to mitochondrion or other organelles, or targeted for secretion, by the addition of a 50 suitable targeting sequence such as a mitochondrial targeting or secretion signal suitable for the host cells. Thus, it is understood that appropriate modifications to a nucleic acid sequence to remove or include a targeting sequence can be incorporated into an exogenous nucleic acid sequence to 55 impart desirable properties. Furthermore, genes can be subjected to codon optimization with techniques well known in the art to achieve optimized expression of the proteins.

An expression vector or vectors can be constructed to harbor one or more 4-HB biosynthetic pathway and/or one 60 or more BDO biosynthetic encoding nucleic acids as exemplified herein operably linked to expression control sequences functional in the host organism. Expression vectors applicable for use in the microbial host organisms of the invention include, for example, plasmids, phage vectors, 65 viral vectors, episomes and artificial chromosomes, including vectors and selection sequences or markers operable for

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stable integration into a host chromosome. Additionally, the expression vectors can include one or more selectable marker genes and appropriate expression control sequences. Selectable marker genes also can be included that, for example, provide resistance to antibiotics or toxins, complement auxotrophic deficiencies, or supply critical nutrients not in the culture media. Expression control sequences can include constitutive and inducible promoters, transcription enhancers, transcription terminators, and the like which are well known in the art. When two or more exogenous encoding nucleic acids are to be co-expressed, both nucleic acids can be inserted, for example, into a single expression vector or in separate expression vectors. For single vector expression, the encoding nucleic acids can be operationally linked to one common expression control sequence or linked to different expression control sequences, such as one inducible promoter and one constitutive promoter. The transformation of exogenous nucleic acid sequences involved in a metabolic or synthetic pathway can be confirmed using methods well known in the art. Such methods include, for example, nucleic acid analysis such as Northern blots or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification of mRNA, or immunoblotting for expression of gene products, or other suitable analytical methods to test the expression of an introduced nucleic acid sequence or its corresponding gene product. It is understood by those skilled in the art that the exogenous nucleic acid is expressed in a sufficient amount to produce the desired product, and it is further understood that expression levels can be optimized to obtain sufficient expression using methods well known in the art and as disclosed herein.

The non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention are constructed using methods well known in the art as exemplified herein to exogenously express at least one nucleic acid encoding a 4-HB or BDO pathway enzyme in sufficient amounts to produce 4-HB, such as monomeric 4-HB, or BDO. It is understood that the microbial organisms of the invention are cultured under conditions sufficient to produce 4-HB or BDO. Exemplary levels of expression for 4-HB enzymes in each pathway are described further below in the Examples. Following the teachings and guidance provided herein, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention can achieve biosynthesis of 4-HB, such as monomeric 4-HB, or BDO resulting in intracellular concentrations between about 0.1-200 mM or more, for example, 0.1-25 mM or more. Generally, the intracellular concentration of 4-HB, such as monomeric 4-HB, or BDO is between about 3-150 mM or more, particularly about 5-125 mM or more, and more particularly between about 8-100 mM, for example, about 3-20 mM, particularly between about 5-15 mM and more particularly between about 8-12 mM, including about 10 mM, 20 mM, 50 mM, 80 mM or more. Intracellular concentrations between and above each of these exemplary ranges also can be achieved from the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention. In particular embodiments, the microbial organisms of the invention, particularly strains such as those disclosed herein (see Examples XII-XIX and Table 28), can provide improved production of a desired product such as BDO by increasing the production of BDO and/or decreasing undesirable byproducts. Such production levels include, but are not limited to, those disclosed herein and including from about 1 gram to about 25 grams per liter, for example about 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, or even higher amounts of product per liter.

In some embodiments, culture conditions include anaerobic or substantially anaerobic growth or maintenance conditions. Exemplary anaerobic conditions have been described previously and are well known in the art. Exemplary anaerobic conditions for fermentation processes are 5 described herein and are described, for example, in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 11/891,602, filed Aug. 10, 2007. Any of these conditions can be employed with the nonnaturally occurring microbial organisms as well as other anaerobic conditions well known in the art. Under such anaerobic conditions, the 4-HB or BDO producers can synthesize 4-HB or BDO at intracellular concentrations of 5-10 mM or more as well as all other concentrations exemplified herein. It is understood that, even though the above description refers to intracellular concentrations, 4-HB or BDO producing microbial organisms can produce 4-HB or BDO intracellularly and/or secrete the product into the culture medium.

The culture conditions can include, for example, liquid culture procedures as well as fermentation and other large scale culture procedures. As described herein, particularly useful yields of the biosynthetic products of the invention can be obtained under anaerobic or substantially anaerobic culture conditions.

As described herein, one exemplary growth condition for achieving biosynthesis of 4-HB or BDO includes anaerobic 25 culture or fermentation conditions. In certain embodiments, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention can be sustained, cultured or fermented under anaerobic or substantially anaerobic conditions. Briefly, anaerobic conditions refers to an environment devoid of 30 oxygen. Substantially anaerobic conditions include, for example, a culture, batch fermentation or continuous fermentation such that the dissolved oxygen concentration in the medium remains between 0 and 10% of saturation. Substantially anaerobic conditions also includes growing or 35 resting cells in liquid medium or on solid agar inside a sealed chamber maintained with an atmosphere of less than 1% oxygen. The percent of oxygen can be maintained by, for example, sparging the culture with an N₂/CO₂ mixture or other suitable non-oxygen gas or gases.

The invention also provides a non-naturally occurring microbial biocatalyst including a microbial organism having 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB) and 1,4-butanediol (BDO) biosynthetic pathways that include at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, CoA-independent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, 45 succinyl-CoA synthetase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, 4-hydroxybutyrate:CoA transferase, glutamate: succinic semialdehyde transaminase, glutamate decarboxylase, CoA-independent aldehyde dehydrogenase, CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase or alcohol dehy- 50 drogenase, wherein the exogenous nucleic acid is expressed in sufficient amounts to produce 1,4-butanediol (BDO). 4-Hydroxybutyrate:CoA transferase also is known as 4-hydroxybutyryl CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase. Additional 4-HB or BDO pathway enzymes are also disclosed herein (see 55 Examples and FIGS. 8-13).

The invention further provides non-naturally occurring microbial biocatalyst including a microbial organism having 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB) and 1,4-butanediol (BDO) biosynthetic pathways, the pathways include at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, succinyl-CoA synthetase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, 4-hydroxybutyrate:CoA transferase, 4-butyrate kinase, phosphotransbutyrylase, α-ketoglutarate decarboxylase, aldehyde dehydrogenase, alcohol dehydrogenase or an aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase or an aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase, wherein the exogenous nucleic acid is expressed in sufficient amounts to produce 1,4-butanediol (BDO).

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Non-naturally occurring microbial organisms also can be generated which biosynthesize BDO. As with the 4-HB producing microbial organisms of the invention, the BDO producing microbial organisms also can produce intracellularly or secret the BDO into the culture medium. Following the teachings and guidance provided previously for the construction of microbial organisms that synthesize 4-HB, additional BDO pathways can be incorporated into the 4-HB producing microbial organisms to generate organisms that also synthesize BDO and other BDO family compounds. The chemical synthesis of BDO and its downstream products are known. The non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention capable of BDO biosynthesis circumvent these chemical synthesis using 4-HB as an entry point as illustrated in FIG. 1. As described further below, the 4-HB producers also can be used to chemically convert 4-HB to GBL and then to BDO or THF, for example. Alternatively, the 4-HB producers can be further modified to include biosynthetic capabilities for conversion of 4-HB and/or GBL to BDO.

The additional BDO pathways to introduce into 4-HB producers include, for example, the exogenous expression in a host deficient background or the overexpression of one or more of the enzymes exemplified in FIG. 1 as steps 9-13. One such pathway includes, for example, the enzyme activities necessary to carryout the reactions shown as steps 9, 12 and 13 in FIG. 1, where the aldehyde and alcohol dehydrogenases can be separate enzymes or a multifunctional enzyme having both aldehyde and alcohol dehydrogenase activity. Another such pathway includes, for example, the enzyme activities necessary to carry out the reactions shown as steps 10, 11, 12 and 13 in FIG. 1, also where the aldehyde and alcohol dehydrogenases can be separate enzymes or a multifunctional enzyme having both aldehyde and alcohol dehydrogenase activity. Accordingly, the additional BDO pathways to introduce into 4-HB producers include, for example, the exogenous expression in a host deficient background or the overexpression of one or more of a 4-hydroxybutyrate:CoA transferase, butyrate kinase, phosphotransbutyrylase, CoA-independent aldehyde dehydrogenase, CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase or an alcohol dehydrogenase. In the absence of endogenous acyl-CoA synthetase capable of modifying 4-HB, the non-naturally occurring BDO producing microbial organisms can further include an exogenous acyl-CoA synthetase selective for 4-HB, or the combination of multiple enzymes that have as a net reaction conversion of 4-HB into 4-HB-CoA. As exemplified further below in the Examples, butyrate kinase and phosphotransbutyrylase exhibit BDO pathway activity and catalyze the conversions illustrated in FIG. 1 with a 4-HB substrate. Therefore, these enzymes also can be referred to herein as 4-hydroxybutyrate kinase and phosphotranshydroxybutyrylase respectively.

Exemplary alcohol and aldehyde dehydrogenases that can be used for these in vivo conversions from 4-HB to BDO are listed below in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Alcohol and Aldehyde Dehydrogenases for Conversion of 4-HB to BDO.

## ALCOHOL DEHYDROGENASES

ec: 1.1.1.1 alcohol dehydrogenase
ec: 1.1.1.2 alcohol dehydrogenase (NADP+)
ec: 1.1.1.4 (R,R)-butanediol dehydrogenase
ec: 1.1.1.5 acetoin dehydrogenase
ec: 1.1.1.6 glycerol dehydrogenase
ec: 1.1.1.7 propanediol-phosphate
dehydrogenase

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IABLE 1-continued			TABLE 1-continued		
	yde Dehydrogenases for Conversion of 4-HB to BDO.	-	Alcohol and Aldel	nyde Dehydrogenases for Conversion of 4-HB to BI	
ec: 1.1.1.8	glycerol-3-phosphate	5	ec: 1.1.1.112	indanol dehydrogenase	
1 1 1 11	dehydrogenase (NAD+)	)	ec: 1.1.1.113	L-xylose 1-dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.11	D-arabinitol 4-dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.129	L-threonate 3-dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.12	L-arabinitol 4-dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.137	ribitol-5-phosphate 2-	
ec: 1.1.1.13	L-arabinitol 2-dehydrogenase		1 1 1 120	dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.14	L-iditol 2-dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.138	mannitol 2-dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.15	D-iditol 2-dehydrogenase			(NADP+)	
ec: 1.1.1.16	galactitol 2-dehydrogenase	10	ec: 1.1.1.140	sorbitol-6-phosphate 2-	
ec: 1.1.1.17	mannitol-1-phosphate 5-			dehydrogenase	
	dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.142	D-pinitol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.18	inositol 2-dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.143	sequoyitol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.21	aldehyde reductase		ec: 1.1.1.144	perillyl-alcohol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.23	histidinol dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.156	glycerol 2-dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.26	glyoxylate reductase	15		(NADP+)	
ec: 1.1.1.27	L-lactate dehydrogenase	13	ec: 1.1.1.157	3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA	
ec: 1.1.1.28	D-lactate dehydrogenase			dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.29	glycerate dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.163	cyclopentanol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.30	3-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.164	hexadecanol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.31	3-hydroxyisobutyrate		ec: 1.1.1.165	2-alkyn-1-ol dehydrogenase	
cc. 1.1.1.51				hydroxycyclohexanecarboxylate	
1 1 1 25	dehydrogenase	20	ec: 1.1.1.166		
ec: 1.1.1.35	3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase		20111117	dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.36	acetoacetyl-CoA reductase		ec: 1.1.1.167	hydroxymalonate dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.37	malate dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.174	cyclohexane-1,2-diol	
ec: 1.1.1.38	malate dehydrogenase			dehydrogenase	
	(oxaloacetate-decarboxylating)		ec: 1.1.1.177	glycerol-3-phosphate 1-	
ec: 1.1.1.39	malate dehydrogenase			dehydrogenase (NADP+)	
	(decarboxylating)	25	ec: 1.1.1.178	3-hydroxy-2-methylbutyryl-CoA	
ec: 1.1.1.40	malate dehydrogenase			dehydrogenase	
	(oxaloacetate-decarboxylating) (NADP+)		ec: 1.1.1.185	L-glycol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.41	isocitrate dehydrogenase (NAD+)		ec: 1.1.1.190	indole-3-acetaldehyde reductase	
ec: 1.1.1.42	isocitrate dehydrogenase (NADP+)		*** ********	(NADH)	
ec: 1.1.1.54	allyl-alcohol dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.191	indole-3-acetaldehyde reductase	
ec: 1.1.1.55	lactaldehyde reductase (NADPH)	20	cc. 1.1.1.171	(NADPH)	
		30	oo. 1.1.1.102		
ec: 1.1.1.56	ribitol 2-dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.192	long-chain-alcohol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.59	3-hydroxypropionate		ec: 1.1.1.194	coniferyl-alcohol dehydrogenase	
	dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.195	cinnamyl-alcohol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.60	2-hydroxy-3-oxopropionate		ec: 1.1.1.198	(+)-borneol dehydrogenase	
	reductase		ec: 1.1.1.202	1,3-propanediol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.61	4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase	35	ec: 1.1.1.207	(-)-menthol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.66	omega-hydroxydecanoate		ec: 1.1.1.208	(+)-neomenthol dehydrogenase	
	dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.216	farnesol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.67	mannitol 2-dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.217	benzyl-2-methyl-hydroxybutyrate	
ec: 1.1.1.71	alcohol dehydrogenase [NAD(P)+]			dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.72	glycerol dehydrogenase (NADP+)		ec: 1.1.1.222	(R)-4-hydroxyphenyllactate	
ec: 1.1.1.73	octanol dehydrogenase			dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.75	(R)-aminopropanol dehydrogenase	40	ec: 1.1.1.223	isopiperitenol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.76	(S,S)-butanediol dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.226	4-hydroxycyclohexanecarboxylate	
ec: 1.1.1.77	lactaldehyde reductase			dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.78	methylglyoxal reductase (NADH-		ec: 1.1.1.229	diethyl 2-methyl-3-oxosuccinate	
	dependent)			reductase	
ec: 1.1.1.79	glyoxylate reductase (NADP+)		ec: 1.1.1.237	hydroxyphenylpyruvate reductase	
ec: 1.1.1.79	isopropanol dehydrogenase	45	ec: 1.1.1.244	methanol dehydrogenase	
		73		cyclohexanol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.81	(NADP+) hydroxypyruvate reductase		ec: 1.1.1.245		
			ec: 1.1.1.250	D-arabinitol 2-dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.82	malate dehydrogenase (NADP+)		ec: 1.1.1.251	galactitol 1-phosphate 5-	
ec: 1.1.1.83	D-malate dehydrogenase			dehydrogenase	
	(decarboxylating)		ec: 1.1.1.255	mannitol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.84	dimethylmalate dehydrogenase	50	ec: 1.1.1.256	fluoren-9-ol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.85	3-isopropylmalate dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.257	4-	
ec: 1.1.1.86	ketol-acid reductoisomerase			(hydroxymethyl)benzenesulfonate dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.87	homoisocitrate dehydrogenase		ec: 1.1.1.258	6-hydroxyhexanoate	
ec: 1.1.1.88	hydroxymethylglutaryl-CoA			dehydrogenase	
	reductase		ec: 1.1.1.259	3-hydroxypimeloyl-CoA	
ec: 1.1.1.90	aryl-alcohol dehydrogenase		-	dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.91	aryl-alcohol dehydrogenase	55	ec: 1.1.1.261	glycerol-1-phosphate	
	(NADP+)			dehydrogenase [NAD(P)+]	
ec: 1.1.1.92	oxaloglycolate reductase		ec: 1.1.1.265	3-methylbutanal reductase	
. 1.1.1.72	(decarboxylating)		ec: 1.1.1.283	methylglyoxal reductase (NADPH-	
201 1 1 1 0 4			CC. 1.1.1.203		
ec: 1.1.1.94	glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase		1 1 1 200	dependent)	
44	[NAD(P)+]	60	ec: 1.1.1.286	isocitrate-homoisocitrate	
ec: 1.1.1.95	phosphoglycerate dehydrogenase	00		dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.97	3-hydroxybenzyl-alcohol		ec: 1.1.1.287	D-arabinitol dehydrogenase	
	dehydrogenase			(NADP+)	
ec: 1.1.1.101	acylglycerone-phosphate reductase			butanol dehydrogenase	
ec: 1.1.1.103	L-threonine 3-dehydrogenase			ALDEHYDE DEHYDROGENASES	
ec: 1.1.1.104	4-oxoproline reductase				
ec: 1.1.1.105	retinol dehydrogenase	65	ec: 1.2.1.2	formate dehydrogenase	

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ec: 1.2.1.63

6-oxohexanoate dehydrogenase

	TABLE 1-continued		TABLE 1-continued					
Alcohol and Alde	hyde Dehydrogenases for Conversion of 4-HB to BDO.	<u>-</u>	Alcohol and Aldel	nyde Dehydrogenases for Conversion	n of 4-HB to BDO.			
ec: 1.2.1.4	aldehyde dehydrogenase (NADP+)	<b>-</b>	ec: 1.2.1.64	4-hydroxybenzaldehyde				
ec: 1.2.1.5	aldehyde dehydrogenase [NAD(P)+]	5	ec: 1.2.1.65	dehydrogenase salicylaldehyde dehydrogenase				
ec: 1.2.1.7	benzaldehyde dehydrogenase		ec: 1.2.1.66	mycothiol-dependent formaldehyd	łe			
ec: 1.2.1.8	(NADP+) betaine-aldehyde dehydrogenase		ec: 1.2.1.67	dehydrogenase vanillin dehydrogenase				
ec: 1.2.1.9	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate		ec: 1.2.1.68	coniferyl-aldehyde dehydrogenase	•			
12110	dehydrogenase (NADP+)	10	ec: 1.2.1.69	fluoroacetaldehyde dehydrogenase	e			
ec: 1.2.1.10	acetaldehyde dehydrogenase (acetylating)		ec: 1.2.1.71	succinylglutamate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase				
ec: 1.2.1.11	aspartate-semialdehyde			311, 410811111				
ec: 1.2.1.12	dehydrogenase glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate		Other exemr	olary enzymes and pathway	s are disclosed			
	dehydrogenase (phosphorylating)	15		amples). Furthermore, it is				
ec: 1.2.1.13	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (NADP+) (phosphorylating)			utilized for carry out reaction				
ec: 1.2.1.15	malonate-semialdehyde			the natural substrate. While				
12116	dehydrogenase			I substrate may be lower to				
ec: 1.2.1.16	succinate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase [NAD(P)+]			inderstood that such enzymes				
ec: 1.2.1.17	glyoxylate dehydrogenase	20		illy occurring or modified us				
ec: 1.2.1.18	(acylating) malonate-semialdehyde		Examples).	aptive evolution, as disclosed	nerem (see also			
60. 1.2.1.16	dehydrogenase (acetylating)			tion through any of the path	ways disclosed			
ec: 1.2.1.19	aminobutyraldehyde			d, in part, on the identification	•			
ec: 1.2.1.20	dehydrogenase glutarate-semialdehyde	25		for conversion of precurse	* *			
	dehydrogenase			ific enzymes for several of the				
ec: 1.2.1.21 ec: 1.2.1.22	glycolaldehyde dehydrogenase lactaldehyde dehydrogenase			entified. For those transfor				
ec: 1.2.1.23	2-oxoaldehyde dehydrogenase			ic to the reaction precursors				
12121	(NAD+)			me candidates have been id				
ec: 1.2.1.24	succinate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase	30		catalyzing the reaction steps				
ec: 1.2.1.25	2-oxoisovalerate dehydrogenase			operate on a broad range ov. In addition, advances in the				
ec: 1.2.1.26	(acylating) 2,5-dioxovalerate dehydrogenase			so make it feasible to alter				
ec: 1.2.1.27	methylmalonate-semialdehyde			substrates, even if not a na				
12120	dehydrogenase (acylating)	35		w are several examples of b				
ec: 1.2.1.28	benzaldehyde dehydrogenase (NAD+)		enzymes from diverse classes suitable for a BDO pathway well as methods that have been used for evolving enzym to act on non-natural substrates.					
ec: 1.2.1.29	aryl-aldehyde dehydrogenase							
ec: 1.2.1.30	aryl-aldehyde dehydrogenase (NADP+)			of enzymes in BDO pathw	avs is the oxi-			
ec: 1.2.1.31	L-aminoadipate-semialdehyde	40		at interconvert ketones or alc				
201 1 2 1 22	dehydrogenase	40		merous exemplary enzymes				
ec: 1.2.1.32	aminomuconate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase			ide range of substrates. An a				
ec: 1.2.1.36	retinal dehydrogenase			) purified from the soil bacte 1309 (Hirano et al., <i>J. Bios</i>				
ec: 1.2.1.39 ec: 1.2.1.41	phenylacetaldehyde dehydrogenase glutamate-5-semialdehyde			)) was shown to operate or				
	dehydrogenase	45	aliphatic as we	ll as aromatic alcohols with	high activities.			
ec: 1.2.1.42	hexadecanal dehydrogenase (acylating)			the activity of the enzyme				
ec: 1.2.1.43	formate dehydrogenase (NADP+)		different alcoho	ols. The enzyme is reversible	le and has very			
ec: 1.2.1.45	4-carboxy-2-hydroxymuconate-6-		nigh activity of	n several aldehydes also (Tal	ble 3).			
ec: 1.2.1.46	semialdehyde dehydrogenase formaldehyde dehydrogenase	50		TABLE 2				
ec: 1.2.1.47	4-trimethylammoniobutyraldehyde			TABLE 2				
ec: 1.2.1.48	dehydrogenase long-chain-aldehyde		Relative activities	of an alcohol dehydrogenase from	Brevibacterium sp			
CC. 1.2.1.46	dehydrogenase			KU to oxidize various alcohols.				
ec: 1.2.1.49	2-oxoaldehyde dehydrogenase			Relative Activity	$K_m$			
ac: 1 2 1 51	(NADP+) pyruvate dehydrogenase (NADP+)	55	Substrate	(0%)	(mM)			
ec: 1.2.1.51 ec: 1.2.1.52	oxoglutarate dehydrogenase		2-Phenylethano		0.025			
	(NADP+)		(S)-2-Phenylpr (R)-2-Phenylpr		0.157 0.020			
ec: 1.2.1.53	4-hydroxyphenylacetaldehyde dehydrogenase		Bynzyl alcoho	1	0.012			
ec: 1.2.1.57	butanal dehydrogenase	60	3-Phenylpropa		0.033			
ec: 1.2.1.58	phenylglyoxylate dehydrogenase		Ethanol 1-Butanol	76 111				
ec: 1 2 1 50	(acylating) glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate		1-Octanol	101				
ec: 1.2.1.59	dehydrogenase (NAD(P)+) (phosphorylating)		1-Dodecanol 1-Phenylethan	68 ol 46				
ec: 1.2.1.62	4-formylbenzenesulfonate		2-Propanol	54				
ec: 1.2.1.63	dehydrogenase	65		nylethanol, corresponding to 19.2 U/mg, v	vas taken as 100%			

^{*}The activity of 2-phenylethanol, corresponding to 19.2 U/mg, was taken as 100%.

Relative activities of an alcohol dehydrogenase from *Brevibacterium* sp KU 1309 to reduce various carbonyl compounds.

Substrate	Relative Activity (%)	$K_m$ (mM)
Phenylacetaldehyde	100	0.261
2-Phenylpropionaldehyde	188	0.864
1-Octylaldehyde	87	
Acetophenone	0	

Lactate dehydrogenase (1.1.1.27) from *Ralstonia eutro-pha* is another enzyme that has been demonstrated to have high activities on several 2-oxoacids such as 2-oxobutyrate, 2-oxopentanoate and 2-oxoglutarate (a C5 compound analogous to 2-oxoadipate) (Steinbuchel and Schlegel, *Eur. J. Biochem.* 130:329-334 (1983)). Column 2 in Table 4 demonstrates the activities of ldhA from *R. eutropha* (formerly *A. eutrophus*) on different substrates (Steinbuchel and Schlegel, supra, 1983).

TABLE 4

The in vitro activity of *R. eutropha* ldhA (Steinbuchel and Schlegel, supra, 1983) on different substrates and compared with that on pyruvate.

	Activity (%) of					
Substrate	L(+)-lactate dehydrogenase from <i>A. eutrophus</i>	L(+)-lactate dehydrogenase from rabbit muscle	D(-)-lactate dehydrogenase from L. leichmanii			
Glyoxylate	8.7	23.9	5.0			
Pyruvate	100.0	100.0	100.0			
2-Oxobutyrate	107.0	18.6	1.1			
2-Oxovalerate	125.0	0.7	0.0			
3-Methyl-2-	28.5	0.0	0.0			
oxobutyrate 3-Methyl-2- oxovalerate	5.3	0.0	0.0			
4-Methyl-2-	39.0	1.4	1.1			
oxopentanoate						
Oxaloacetate	0.0	33.1	23.1			
2-Oxoglutarate	79.6	0.0	0.0			
3-Fluoropyruvate	33.6	74.3	40.0			

Oxidoreductases that can convert 2-oxoacids to their acyl-CoA counterparts (1.2.1) have been shown to accept 45 multiple substrates as well. For example, branched-chain 2-keto-acid dehydrogenase complex (BCKAD), also known as 2-oxoisovalerate dehydrogenase (1.2.1.25), participates in branched-chain amino acid degradation pathways, converting 2-keto acids derivatives of valine, leucine and isoleucine to their acyl-CoA derivatives and CO₂. In some organisms including *Rattus norvegicus* (Paxton et al., *Biochem. J.* 234:295-303 (1986)) and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Sinclair et al., *Biochem. Mol. Biol. Int.* 32:911-922 (1993), this complex has been shown to have a broad substrate range 55 that includes linear oxo-acids such as 2-oxobutanoate and alpha-ketoglutarate, in addition to the branched-chain amino acid precursors.

Members of yet another class of enzymes, namely aminotransferases (2.6.1), have been reported to act on multiple 60 substrates. Aspartate aminotransferase (aspAT) from *Pyrococcus fursious* has been identified, expressed in *E. coli* and the recombinant protein characterized to demonstrate that the enzyme has the highest activities towards aspartate and alpha-ketoglutarate but lower, yet significant activities 65 towards alanine, glutamate and the aromatic amino acids (Ward et al., *Archaea* 133-141 (2002)). In another instance,

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an aminotransferase identified from *Leishmania mexicana* and expressed in *E. coli* (Vernal et al., *FEMS Microbiol. Lett.* 229:217-222 (2003)) was reported to have a broad substrate specificity towards tyrosine (activity considered 100% on tyrosine), phenylalanine (90%), tryptophan (85%), aspartate (30%), leucine (25%) and methionine (25%), respectively (Vernal et al., *Mol. Biochem. Parasitol* 96:83-92 (1998)). Similar broad specificity has been reported for a tyrosine aminotransferase from *Trypanosoma cruzi*, even though both of these enzymes have a sequence homology of only 6%. The latter enzyme can accept leucine, methionine as well as tyrosine, phenylalanine, tryptophan and alanine as efficient amino donors (Nowicki et al., *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 1546: 268-281 (2001)).

CoA transferases (2.8.3) have been demonstrated to have the ability to act on more than one substrate. Specifically, a CoA transferase was purified from Clostridium acetobutylicum and was reported to have the highest activities on acetate, propionate, and butyrate. It also had significant activities with valerate, isobutyrate, and crotonate (Wiesenborn et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 55:323-329 (1989)). In another study, the E. coli enzyme acyl-CoA:acetate-CoA transferase, also known as acetate-CoA transferase (EC 2.8.3.8), has been shown to transfer the CoA moiety to acetate from a variety of branched and linear acyl-CoA substrates, including isobutyrate (Matthies and Schink, App. Environm. Microbiol. 58:1435-1439 (1992)), valerate (Vanderwinkel et al., Biochem. Biophys. Res Commun. 30 33:902-908 (1968b)) and butanoate (Vanderwinkel et al., Biochem. Biophys. Res Commun. 33:902-908(1968a).

Other enzyme classes additionally support broad substrate specificity for enzymes. Some isomerases (5.3.3) have also been proven to operate on multiple substrates. For example, L-rhamnose isomerase from *Pseudomonas stutzeri* catalyzes the isomerization between various aldoalses and ketoses (Yoshida et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 365:1505-1516 (2007)). These include isomerization between L-rhamnose and L-rhamnulose, L-mannose and L-fructose, L-xylose and L-xylulose, D-ribose and D-ribulose, and D-allose and D-psicose.

In yet another class of enzymes, the phosphotransferases (2.7.1), the homoserine kinase (2.7.1.39) from *E. coli* that converts L-homoserine to L-homoserine phosphate, was found to phosphorylate numerous homoserine analogs. In these substrates, the carboxyl functional group at the R-position had been replaced by an ester or by a hydroxymethyl group (Huo and Viola, *Biochemistry* 35:16180-16185 (1996)). Table 5 demonstrates the broad substrate specificity of this kinase.

TABLE 5

The substrate specificity of homoserine kinase.							
Substrate	$\mathbf{k}_{cat}$	% $k_{cat}$	$K_m$ (mM)	$\mathbf{k}_{cat}/\mathbf{K}_{m}$			
L-homoserine	18.3 ± 0.1	100	0.14 ± 0.04	184 ± 17			
D-homoserine	$8.3 \pm 1.1$	32	$31.8 \pm 7.2$	$0.26 \pm 0.03$			
L-aspartate β- semialdehyde	$2.1 \pm 0.1$	8.2	$0.28 \pm 0.02$	$7.5 \pm 0.3$			
L-2-amino-1,4- butanediol	$2.0 \pm 0.5$	7.9	11.6 ± 6.5	$0.17 \pm 0.06$			
L-2-amino-5- hydroxyvalerate	$2.5 \pm 0.4$	9.9	$1.1 \pm 0.5$	$2.3 \pm 0.3$			
L-homoserine methyl ester	$14.7 \pm 2.6$	80	$4.9 \pm 2.0$	$3.0 \pm 0.6$			
L-homoserine ethyl ester	$13.6 \pm 0.8$	74	$1.9 \pm 0.5$	7.2 ± 1.7			
L-homoserine isopropyl ester	13.6 ± 1.4	74	$1.2 \pm 0.5$	11.3 ± 1.1			

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TABLE 5-continued

The substrate specificity of homoserine kinase.								
Substrate	$\mathbf{k}_{cat}$	% $\mathbf{k}_{cat}$	$K_m$ (mM)	$\mathbf{k}_{cat}/\mathbf{K}_{m}$				
L-homoserine n- propyl ester	14.0 ± 0.4	76	$3.5 \pm 0.4$	4.0 ± 1.2				
L-homoserine isobutyl ester	$16.4 \pm 0.8$	84	6.9 ± 1.1	$2.4 \pm 0.3$				
L-homserine n-butyl ester	29.1 ± 1.2	160	$5.8 \pm 0.8$	$5.0 \pm 0.5$				

Another class of enzymes useful in BDO pathways is the acid-thiol ligases (6.2.1). Like enzymes in other classes, certain enzymes in this class have been determined to have broad substrate specificity. For example, acyl CoA ligase from Pseudomonas putida has been demonstrated to work on several aliphatic substrates including acetic, propionic, butyric, valeric, hexanoic, heptanoic, and octanoic acids and on aromatic compounds such as phenylacetic and phenoxy-  $_{20}$ acetic acids (Fernandez-Valverde et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 59:1149-1154 (1993)). A related enzyme, malonyl CoA synthetase (6.3.4.9) from Rhizobium trifolii could convert several diacids, namely, ethyl-, propyl-, allyl-, isopropyl-, dimethyl-, cyclopropyl-, cyclopropylmethylene-, 25 cyclobutyl-, and benzyl-malonate into their corresponding monothioesters (Pohl et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 123:5822-5823 (2001)). Similarly, decarboxylases (4.1.1) have also been found with broad substrate ranges. Pyruvate decarboxylase (PDC), also termed keto-acid decarboxylase, is a 30 key enzyme in alcoholic fermentation, catalyzing the decarboxylation of pyruvate to acetaldehyde. The enzyme isolated from Saccharomyces cerevisiae has a broad substrate range for aliphatic 2-keto acids including 2-ketobutyrate, 2-ketovalerate, and 2-phenylpyruvate (Li and Jordan, Bio- 35 chemistry 38:10004-10012 (1999)). Similarly, benzoylformate decarboxylase has a broad substrate range and has been the target of enzyme engineering studies. The enzyme from Pseudomonas putida has been extensively studied and crystal structures of this enzyme are available (Polovnikova et 40 al., Biochemistry 42:1820-1830 (2003); Hasson et al., Biochemistry 37:9918-9930 (1998)). Branched chain alphaketoacid decarboxylase (BCKA) has been shown to act on a variety of compounds varying in chain length from 3 to 6 carbons (Oku and Kaneda, J. Biol. Chem. 263:18386-18396 45 (1998); Smit et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 71:303-311 (2005b)). The enzyme in *Lactococcus lactis* has been characterized on a variety of branched and linear substrates including 2-oxobutanoate, 2-oxobexanoate, 2-oxopentanoate, 3-methyl-2-oxobutanoate, 4-methyl-2-oxobutanoate 50 and isocaproate (Smit et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 71:303-311 (2005a).

Interestingly, enzymes known to have one dominant activity have also been reported to catalyze a very different function. For example, the cofactor-dependent phosphoglycerate mutase (5.4.2.1) from *Bacillus stearothermophilus* and *Bacillus subtilis* is known to function as a phosphatase as well (Rigden et al., *Protein Sci.* 10:1835-1846 (2001)). The enzyme from *B. stearothermophilus* is known to have activity on several substrates, including 3-phosphoglycerate, 60 alpha-napthylphosphate, p-nitrophenylphosphate, AMP, fructose-6-phosphate, ribose-5-phosphate and CMP.

In contrast to these examples where the enzymes naturally have broad substrate specificities, numerous enzymes have been modified using directed evolution to broaden their 65 specificity towards their non-natural substrates. Alternatively, the substrate preference of an enzyme has also been

changed using directed evolution. Therefore, it is feasible to engineer a given enzyme for efficient function on a natural, for example, improved efficiency, or a non-natural substrate, for example, increased efficiency. For example, it has been reported that the enantioselectivity of a lipase from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* was improved significantly (Reetz et al., *Agnew. Chem. Int. Ed Engl.* 36:2830-2832 (1997)). This enzyme hydrolyzed p-nitrophenyl 2-methyldecanoate with only 2% enantiomeric excess (ee) in favor of the (S)-acid. However, after four successive rounds of error-prone mutagenesis and screening, a variant was produced that catalyzed the requisite reaction with 81% ee (Reetz et al., *Agnew. Chem. Int. Ed Engl.* 36:2830-2832 (1997)).

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Directed evolution methods have been used to modify an enzyme to function on an array of non-natural substrates. The substrate specificity of the lipase in *P. aeruginosa* was broadened by randomization of amino acid residues near the active site. This allowed for the acceptance of alpha-substituted carboxylic acid esters by this enzyme (Reetz et al., Agnew. Chem. Int. Ed Engl. 44:4192-4196 (2005)). In another successful modification of an enzyme, DNA shuffling was employed to create an Escherichia coli aminotransferase that accepted  $\beta\mbox{-branched}$  substrates, which were poorly accepted by the wild-type enzyme (Yano et al., *Proc.* Nat. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 95:5511-5515 (1998)). Specifically, at the end of four rounds of shuffling, the activity of aspartate aminotransferase for valine and 2-oxovaline increased by up to five orders of magnitude, while decreasing the activity towards the natural substrate, aspartate, by up to 30-fold. Recently, an algorithm was used to design a retro-aldolase that could be used to catalyze the carbon-carbon bond cleavage in a non-natural and non-biological substrate, 4-hydroxy-4-(6-methoxy-2-naphthyl)-2-butanone (Jiang et al., Science 319:1387-1391 (2008)). These algorithms used different combinations of four different catalytic motifs to design new enzyme, and 20 of the selected designs for experimental characterization had four-fold improved rates over the uncatalyzed reaction (Jiang et al., Science 319: 1387-1391 (2008)). Thus, not only are these engineering approaches capable of expanding the array of substrates on which an enzyme can act, but they allow the design and construction of very efficient enzymes. For example, a method of DNA shuffling (random chimeragenesis on transient templates or RACHITT) was reported to lead to an engineered monooxygenase that had an improved rate of desulfurization on complex substrates as well as 20-fold faster conversion of a non-natural substrate (Coco et al., Nat. Biotechnol. 19:354-359 (2001)). Similarly, the specific activity of a sluggish mutant triosephosphate isomerase enzyme was improved up to 19-fold from 1.3 fold (Hermes et al., Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 87:696-700 1990)). This enhancement in specific activity was accomplished by using random mutagenesis over the whole length of the protein and the improvement could be traced back to mutations in six amino acid residues.

The effectiveness of protein engineering approaches to alter the substrate specificity of an enzyme for a desired substrate has also been demonstrated in several studies. Isopropylmalate dehydrogenase from *Thermus thermophilus* was modified by changing residues close to the active site so that it could now act on malate and D-lactate as substrates (Fujita et al., *Biosci. Biotechnol. Biochem.* 65:2695-2700 (2001)). In this study as well as in others, it was pointed out that one or a few residues could be modified to alter the substrate specificity. For example, the dihydroflavonol 4-reductase for which a single amino acid was changed in the presumed substrate-binding region could

preferentially reduce dihydrokaempferol (Johnson et al., *Plant. J.* 25:325-333 (2001)). The substrate specificity of a very specific isocitrate dehydrogenase from *Escherichia coli* was changed form isocitrate to isopropylmalate by changing one residue in the active site (Doyle et al., *Biochemistry* 40:4234-4241 (2001)). Similarly, the cofactor specificity of a NAD+-dependent 1,5-hydroxyprostaglandin dehydrogenase was altered to NADP+ by changing a few residues near the N-terminal end (Cho et al., *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 419:139-146 (2003)). Sequence analysis and molecular modeling analysis were used to identify the key residues for modification, which were further studied by site-directed mutagenesis.

Numerous examples exist spanning diverse classes of 15 enzymes where the function of enzyme was changed to favor one non-natural substrate over the natural substrate of the enzyme. A fucosidase was evolved from a galactosidase in E. coli by DNA shuffling and screening (Zhang et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 94:4504-4509 (1997)). Simi- 20 larly, aspartate aminotransferase from E. coli was converted into a tyrosine aminotransferase using homology modeling and site-directed mutagenesis (Onuffer and Kirsch, Protein Sci., 4:1750-1757 (1995)). Site-directed mutagenesis of two residues in the active site of benzoylformate decarboxylase 25 from P. putida reportedly altered the affinity  $(K_m)$  towards natural and non-natural substrates (Siegert et al., Protein Eng Des Sel 18:345-357 (2005)). Cytochrome c peroxidase (CCP) from Saccharomyces cerevisiae was subjected to directed molecular evolution to generate mutants with 30 increased activity against the classical peroxidase substrate guaiacol, thus changing the substrate specificity of CCP from the protein cytochrome c to a small organic molecule. After three rounds of DNA shuffling and screening, mutants were isolated which possessed a 300-fold increased activity 35 against guaiacol and up to 1000-fold increased specificity for this substrate relative to that for the natural substrate (Iffland et al., Biochemistry 39:10790-10798 (2000)).

In some cases, enzymes with different substrate preferences than either of the parent enzymes have been obtained. 40 For example, biphenyl-dioxygenase-mediated degradation of polychlorinated biphenyls was improved by shuffling genes from two bacteria, *Pseudomonas pseudoalcaligens* and *Burkholderia cepacia* (Kumamaru et al., *Nat. Biotechnol.* 16:663-666 (1998)). The resulting chimeric biphenyl 45 oxygenases showed different substrate preferences than both the parental enzymes and enhanced the degradation activity towards related biphenyl compounds and single aromatic ring hydrocarbons such as toluene and benzene which were originally poor substrates for the enzyme.

In addition to changing enzyme specificity, it is also possible to enhance the activities on substrates for which the enzymes naturally have low activities. One study demonstrated that amino acid racemase from P. putida that had broad substrate specificity (on lysine, arginine, alanine, 55 serine, methionine, cysteine, leucine and histidine among others) but low activity towards tryptophan could be improved significantly by random mutagenesis (Kino et al., Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol. 73:1299-1305 (2007)). Similarly, the active site of the bovine BCKAD was engineered 60 to favor alternate substrate acetyl-CoA (Meng and Chuang, Biochemistry 33:12879-12885 (1994)). An interesting aspect of these approaches is that even if random methods have been applied to generate these mutated enzymes with efficacious activities, the exact mutations or structural 65 changes that confer the improvement in activity can be identified. For example, in the aforementioned study, the

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mutations that facilitated improved activity on tryptophan was traced back to two different positions.

Directed evolution has also been used to express proteins that are difficult to express. For example, by subjecting horseradish peroxidase to random mutagenesis and gene recombination, mutants were identified that had more than 14-fold higher activity than the wild type (Lin et al., *Biotechnol. Prog.* 15:467-471 (1999)).

Another example of directed evolution shows the extensive modifications to which an enzyme can be subjected to achieve a range of desired functions. The enzyme lactate dehydrogenase from Bacillus stearothermophilus was subjected to site-directed mutagenesis, and three amino acid substitutions were made at sites that were believed to determine the specificity towards different hydroxyacids (Clarke et al., Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. 148:15-23 (1987)). After these mutations, the specificity for oxaloacetate over pyruvate was increased to 500 in contrast to the wild type enzyme that had a catalytic specificity for pyruvate over oxaloacetate of 1000. This enzyme was further engineered using site-directed mutagenesis to have activity towards branched-chain substituted pyruvates (Wilks et al., Biochemistry 29:8587-8591 (1990)). Specifically, the enzyme had a 55-fold improvement in K_{cat} for alphaketoisocaproate. Three structural modifications were made in the same enzyme to change its substrate specificity from lactate to malate. The enzyme was highly active and specific towards malate (Wilks et al., Science 242:1541-1544 (1988)). The same enzyme from B. stearothermophilus was subsequently engineered to have high catalytic activity towards alpha-keto acids with positively charged side chains, such as those containing ammonium groups (Hogan et al., Biochemistry 34:4225-4230 (1995)). Mutants with acidic amino acids introduced at position 102 of the enzyme favored binding of such side chain ammonium groups. The results obtained proved that the mutants showed up to 25-fold improvements in  $k_{cat}/K_m$  values for omega-aminoalpha-keto acid substrates. Interestingly, this enzyme was also structurally modified to function as a phenyllactate dehydrogenase instead of a lactate dehydrogenase (Wilks et al., Biochemistry 31:7802-7806 1992). Restriction sites were introduced into the gene for the enzyme which allowed a region of the gene to be excised. This region coded for a mobile surface loop of the polypeptide (residues 98-110) which normally seals the active site from bulk solvent and is a major determinant of substrate specificity. The variable length and sequence loops were inserted so that hydroxyacid dehydrogenases with altered substrate specificities were generated. With one longer loop construction, activity with pyruvate was reduced one-million-fold but activity with phenylpyruvate was largely unaltered. A switch in specificity  $(k_{at}/K_m)$  of 390.000-fold was achieved. The 1700:1 selectivity of this enzyme for phenylpyruvate over pyruvate is that required in a phenyllactate dehydrogenase. The studies described above indicate that various approaches of enzyme engineering can be used to obtain enzymes for the BDO pathways as disclosed herein.

As disclosed herein, biosynthetic pathways to 1,4-butanediol from a number of central metabolic intermediates are can be utilized, including acetyl-CoA, succinyl-CoA, alphaketoglutarate, glutamate, 4-aminobutyrate, and homoserine. Acetyl-CoA, succinyl-CoA and alpha-ketoglutarate are common intermediates of the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle, a series of reactions that is present in its entirety in nearly all living cells that utilize oxygen for cellular respiration and is present in truncated forms in a number of anaerobic organisms. Glutamate is an amino acid that is

derived from alpha-ketoglutarate via glutamate dehydrogenase or any of a number of transamination reactions (see FIG. 8B). 4-aminobutyrate can be formed by the decarboxylation of glutamate (see FIG. 8B) or from acetoacetyl-CoA via the pathway disclosed in FIG. 9C. Acetoacetyl-CoA is 5 derived from the condensation of two acetyl-CoA molecules by way of the enzyme, acetyl-coenzyme A acetyltransferase, or equivalently, acetoacetyl-coenzyme A thiolase. Homoserine is an intermediate in threonine and methionine metabolism, formed from oxaloacetate via aspartate. The conversion of oxaloacetate to homoserine requires one NADH, two NADPH, and one ATP.

Pathways other than those exemplified above also can be employed to generate the biosynthesis of BDO in non-naturally occurring microbial organisms. In one embodiment, biosynthesis can be achieved using a L-homoserine to BDO pathway (see FIG. 13). This pathway has a molar yield of 0.90 mol/mol glucose, which appears restricted by the availability of reducing equivalents. A second pathway synthesizes BDO from acetoacetyl-CoA and is capable of 20 achieving the maximum theoretical yield of 1.091 mol/mol glucose (see FIG. 9). Implementation of either pathway can be achieved by introduction of two exogenous enzymes into a host organism such as *E. coli*, and both pathways can additionally complement BDO production via succinyl-CoA. Pathway enzymes, thermodynamics, theoretical yields and overall feasibility are described further below.

A homoserine pathway also can be engineered to generate BDO-producing microbial organisms. Homoserine is an intermediate in threonine and methionine metabolism, 30 formed from oxaloacetate via aspartate. The conversion of oxaloacetate to homoserine requires one NADH, two NADPH, and one ATP (FIG. 2). Once formed, homoserine feeds into biosynthetic pathways for both threonine and methionine. In most organisms, high levels of threonine or 35 methionine feedback to repress the homoserine biosynthesis pathway (Caspi et al., *Nucleic Acids Res.* 34:D511-D516 (1990))

The transformation of homoserine to 4-hydroxybutyrate (4-HB) can be accomplished in two enzymatic steps as 40 described herein. The first step of this pathway is deamination of homoserine by a putative ammonia lyase. In step 2, the product alkene, 4-hydroxybut-2-enoate is reduced to 4-HB by a putative reductase at the cost of one NADH. 4-HB can then be converted to BDO.

Enzymes available for catalyzing the above transformations are disclosed herein. For example, the ammonia lyase in step 1 of the pathway closely resembles the chemistry of aspartate ammonia-lyase (aspartase). Aspartase is a widespread enzyme in microorganisms, and has been character- 50 ized extensively (Viola, R. E., Mol. Biol. 74:295-341 (2008)). The crystal structure of the E. coli aspartase has been solved (Shi et al., *Biochemistry* 36:9136-9144 (1997)), so it is therefore possible to directly engineer mutations in the enzyme's active site that would alter its substrate speci- 55 ficity to include homoserine. The oxidoreductase in step 2 has chemistry similar to several well-characterized enzymes including fumarate reductase in the E. coli TCA cycle. Since the thermodynamics of this reaction are highly favorable, an endogenous reductase with broad substrate specificity will 60 likely be able to reduce 4-hydroxybut-2-enoate. The yield of this pathway under anaerobic conditions is 0.9 mol BDO per mol glucose.

The succinyl-CoA pathway was found to have a higher yield due to the fact that it is more energetically efficient. 65 The conversion of one oxaloacetate molecule to BDO via the homoserine pathway will require the expenditure of 2

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ATP equivalents. Because the conversion of glucose to two oxaloacetate molecules can generate a maximum of 3 ATP molecules assuming PEP carboxykinase to be reversible, the overall conversion of glucose to BDO via homoserine has a negative energetic yield. As expected, if it is assumed that energy can be generated via respiration, the maximum yield of the homoserine pathway increases to 1.05 mol/mol glucose which is 96% of the succinyl-CoA pathway yield. The succinyl-CoA pathway can channel some of the carbon flux through pyruvate dehydrogenase and the oxidative branch of the TCA cycle to generate both reducing equivalents and succinyl-CoA without an energetic expenditure. Thus, it does not encounter the same energetic difficulties as the homoserine pathway because not all of the flux is channeled through oxaloacetate to succinyl-CoA to BDO. Overall, the homoserine pathway demonstrates a high-yielding route to

An acetoacetate pathway also can be engineered to generate BDO-producing microbial organisms. Acetoacetate can be formed from acetyl-CoA by enzymes involved in fatty acid metabolism, including acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase and acetoacetyl-CoA transferase. Biosynthetic routes through acetoacetate are also particularly useful in microbial organisms that can metabolize single carbon compounds such as carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide or methanol to form acetyl-CoA.

A three step route from acetoacetyl-CoA to 4-aminobutyrate (see FIG. 9C) can be used to synthesize BDO through acetoacetyl-CoA. 4-Aminobutyrate can be converted to succinic semialdehyde as shown in FIG. 8B. Succinic semialdehyde, which is one reduction step removed from succinyl-CoA or one decarboxylation step removed from α-ketoglutarate, can be converted to BDO following three reductions steps (FIG. 1). Briefly, step 1 of this pathway involves the conversion of acetoacetyl-CoA to acetoacetate by, for example, the E. coli acetoacetyl-CoA transferase encoded by the atoA and atoD genes (Hanai et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 73: 7814-7818 (2007)). Step 2 of the acetoacetyl-CoA biopathway entails conversion of acetoacetate to 3-aminobutanoate by an ω-aminotransferase. The ω-amino acid:pyruvate aminotransferase (ω-APT) from Alcaligens denitrificans was overexpressed in E. coli and shown to have a high activity toward 3-aminobutanoate in vitro (Yun et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 70:2529-2534 (2004)).

In step 2, a putative aminomutase shifts the amine group from the 3- to the 4-position of the carbon backbone. An aminomutase performing this function on 3-aminobutanoate has not been characterized, but an enzyme from *Clostridium sticklandii* has a very similar mechanism. The enzyme, D-lysine-5,6-aminomutase, is involved in lysine biosynthesis.

The synthetic route to BDO from acetoacetyl-CoA passes through 4-aminobutanoate, a metabolite in *E. coli* that's normally formed from decarboxylation of glutamate. Once formed, 4-aminobutanoate can be converted to succinic semialdehyde by 4-aminobutanoate transaminase (2.6.1.19), an enzyme which has been biochemically characterized.

One consideration for selecting candidate enzymes in this pathway is the stereoselectivity of the enzymes involved in steps 2 and 3. The ω-ABT in *Alcaligens denitrificans* is specific to the L-stereoisomer of 3-aminobutanoate, while D-lysine-5,6-aminomutase likely requires the D-stereoisomer. If enzymes with complementary stereoselectivity are not initially found or engineered, a third enzyme can be added to the pathway with racemase activity that can convert L-3-aminobutanoate to D-3-aminobutanoate. While amino

acid racemases are widespread, whether these enzymes can function on  $\omega$ -amino acids is not known.

The maximum theoretical molar yield of this pathway under anaerobic conditions is 1.091 mol/mol glucose. In order to generate flux from acetoacetyl-CoA to BDO it was 5 necessary to assume that acetyl-CoA:acetoacetyl-CoA transferase is reversible. The function of this enzyme in *E. coli* is to metabolize short-chain fatty acids by first converting them into thioesters.

While the operation of acetyl-CoA:acetoacetyl-CoA 10 transferase in the acetate-consuming direction has not been demonstrated experimentally in E. coli, studies on similar enzymes in other organisms support the assumption that this reaction is reversible. The enzyme butyryl-CoA:acetate: CoA transferase in gut microbes Roseburia sp. and F. 15 prasnitzii operates in the acetate utilizing direction to produce butyrate (Duncan et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 68:5186-5190 (2002)). Another very similar enzyme, acetyl: succinate CoA-transferase in Trypanosoma brucei, also operates in the acetate utilizing direction. This reaction has 20 a  $\Delta_{max}G$  close to equilibrium, so high concentrations of acetate can likely drive the reaction in the direction of interest. At the maximum theoretical BDO production rate of 1.09 mol/mol glucose simulations predict that E. coli can generate 1.098 mol ATP per mol glucose with no fermen- 25 tation byproducts. This ATP yield should be sufficient for cell growth, maintenance, and production. The acetoacetatyl-CoA biopathway is a high-yielding route to BDO from acetyl-CoA.

Therefore, in addition to any of the various modifications 30 exemplified previously for establishing 4-HB biosynthesis in a selected host, the BDO producing microbial organisms can include any of the previous combinations and permutations of 4-HB pathway metabolic modifications as well as any combination of expression for CoA-independent aldehyde dehydrogenase or an alcohol dehydrogenase or other enzymes disclosed herein to generate biosynthetic pathways for GBL and/or BDO. Therefore, the BDO producers of the invention can have exogenous expression of, for example, one, two, 40 three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, or up to all enzymes corresponding to any of the 4-HB pathway and/or any of the BDO pathway enzymes disclosed herein.

Design and construction of the genetically modified microbial organisms is carried out using methods well 45 known in the art to achieve sufficient amounts of expression to produce BDO. In particular, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention can achieve biosynthesis of BDO resulting in intracellular concentrations between about 0.1-200 mM or more, such as about 0.1-25 50 mM or more, as discussed above. For example, the intracellular concentration of BDO is between about 3-20 mM, particularly between about 5-15 mM and more particularly between about 8-12 mM, including about 10 mM or more. Intracellular concentrations between and above each of these 55 exemplary ranges also can be achieved from the nonnaturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention. As with the 4-HB producers, the BDO producers also can be sustained, cultured or fermented under anaerobic conditions.

The invention further provides a method for the production of 4-HB. The method includes culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB) biosynthetic pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, CoA-independent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, succinyl-CoA synthetase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, glutamate: succinic

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semialdehyde transaminase,  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate decarboxylase, or glutamate decarboxylase under substantially anaerobic conditions for a sufficient period of time to produce monomeric 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB). The method can additionally include chemical conversion of 4-HB to GBL and to BDO or THF, for example.

Additionally provided is a method for the production of 4-HB. The method includes culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB) biosynthetic pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, succinyl-CoA synthetase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase or  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate decarboxylase under substantially anaerobic conditions for a sufficient period of time to produce monomeric 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB). The 4-HB product can be secreted into the culture medium.

Further provided is a method for the production of BDO. The method includes culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial biocatalyst or microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB) and 1,4-butanediol (BDO) biosynthetic pathways, the pathways including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, succinyl-CoA synthetase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, 4-hydroxybutyrate:CoA transferase, 4-hydroxybutvrate kinase, phosphotranshydroxybutyrylase, α-ketoglutarate decarboxylase, aldehyde dehydrogenase, alcohol dehydrogenase or an aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase for a sufficient period of time to produce 1,4-butanediol (BDO). The BDO product can be secreted into the culture

Additionally provided are methods for producing BDO by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a BDO pathway of the invention. The BDO pathway can comprise at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising 4-aminobutyrate CoA transferase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-aminobutyrate-CoA ligase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA oxidoreductase (deaminating), 4-aminobutyryl-CoA transaminase, or 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase (see Example VII and Table 17).

Alternatively, the BDO pathway can compare at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising 4-aminobutyrate CoA transferase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-aminobutyrate-CoA ligase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 4-aminobutyryl-CoA reductase, 4-aminobutan-1-ol dehydrogenase, 4-aminobutan-1-ol oxidoreductase (deaminating) or 4-aminobutan-1-ol transaminase (see Example VII and Table 18).

In addition, the invention provides a method for producing BDO, comprising culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a BDO pathway, the pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising 4-aminobutyrate kinase, 4-aminobutyraldehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating), 4-aminobutan-1-ol dehydrogenase, 4-aminobutan-1-oloxidoreductase (deaminating), 4-aminobutan-1-ol transaminase, [(4-aminobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobutanobut

tanolyl)oxy]phosphonic acid transaminase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-phosphate dehydrogenase, or 4-hydroxybutyraldehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating) (see Example VII and Table 19).

The invention further provides a method for producing 5 BDO, comprising culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a BDO pathway, the pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising alpha-ketoglutarate 5-kinase, 2,5-dioxopentanoic semialdehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating), 2,5-dioxopentanoic acid reducalpha-ketoglutarate CoA transferase, ketoglutaryl-CoA hydrolase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA ligase, 15 alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA reductase, 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase, or 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxylation)(see Example VIII and Table 20). 20

The invention additionally provides a method for producing BDO, comprising culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a BDO pathway, the pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to 25 produce BDO, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising glutamate CoA transferase, glutamyl-CoA hydrolase, glutamyl-CoA ligase, glutamate 5-kinase, glutamate-5-semialdehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating), glutamyl-CoA reductase, 30 glutamate-5-semialdehyde reductase, glutamyl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid oxidoreductase (deaminating), 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid transaminase, 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase, 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydroge- 35 nase (decarboxylation)(see Example IX and Table 21).

The invention additionally includes a method for producing BDO, comprising culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a BDO pathway, the pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 40 BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase, vinylacetyl-CoA A-isomerase, or 4-hydroxy-45 butyryl-CoA dehydratase (see Example X and Table 22).

Also provided is a method for producing BDO, comprising culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a BDO pathway, the pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme 50 expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising homoserine deaminase, homoserine CoA transferase, homoserine-CoA hydrolase, homoserine-CoA ligase, homoserine-CoA deaminase, 4-hy-55 droxybut-2-enoyl-CoA transferase, 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA hydrolase, 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA ligase, 4-hydroxybut-2-enoate reductase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA transferase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA ligase, or 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA reduc- 60 tase (see Example XI and Table 23).

The invention additionally provides a method for producing BDO, comprising culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a BDO pathway, the pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 65 BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, under conditions and for a sufficient period of

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time to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising succinyl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA ligase, 4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase (phosphorylating). Such a BDO pathway can further comprise succinyl-CoA reductase, 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA transferase, 4-hydroxybutyrate kinase, phosphotrans-4-hydroxybutyrylase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming), or 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase.

Also provided is a method for producing BDO, comprising culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a BDO pathway, the pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce BDO, the BDO pathway comprising glutamate dehydrogenase, 4-aminobutyrate oxidoreductase (deaminating), 4-aminobutyrate transaminase, glutamate decarboxylase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA ligase, 4-hydroxybutamal dehydrogenase (phosphorylating).

The invention additionally provides methods of producing a desired product using the genetically modified organisms disclosed herein that allow improved production of a desired product such as BDO by increasing the product or decreasing undesirable byproducts. Thus, the invention provides a method for producing 1,4-butanediol (BDO), comprising culturing the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms disclosed herein under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce BDO. In one embodiment, the invention provides a method of producing BDO using a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a 1,4-butanediol (BDO) pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a BDO pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO. In one embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous succinyl-CoA synthetase (see Example XII). For example, the succinyl-CoA synthetase can be encoded by an Escherichia coli sucCD genes.

In another embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase (see Example XIII). For example, the alphaketoglutarate decarboxylase can be encoded by the Mycobacterium bovis sucA gene. In still another embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase and 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase and optionally 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA/acetyl-CoA transferase (see Example XIII). For example, the succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase (CoAdependent), 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase and 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA/acetyl-CoA transferase can be encoded by Porphyromonas gingivalis W83 genes. In an additional embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous butyrate kinase and phosphotransbutyrylase (see Example XIII). For example, the butyrate kinase and phosphotransbutyrylase can be encoded by Clostridium acetobutilicum buk1 and ptb genes.

In yet another embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (see Example XIII). For example, the 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase can be encoded by *Clostridium beijerinckii* ald gene. Additionally, in an embodiment of the invention, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous 4-hydroxybutanal reductase (see Example XIII). For example, the 4-hydroxybutanal reductase can be encoded by *Geobacillus* 

thermoglucosidasius adh1 gene. In another embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous pyruvate dehydrogenase subunits (see Example XIV). For example, the exogenous pyruvate dehydrogenase can be NADH insensitive. The pyruvate dehydrogenase subunit can be encoded by the Klebsiella pneumonia lpdA gene. In a particular embodiment, the pyruvate dehydrogenase subunit genes of the microbial organism can be under the control of a pyruvate formate lyase promoter.

In still another embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to disrupt a gene encoding an aerobic respiratory control regulatory system (see Example XV). For example, the disruption can be of the arcA gene. Such an organism can further comprise disruption of a gene 15 encoding malate dehydrogenase. In a further embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express an exogenous NADH insensitive citrate synthase (see Example XV). For example, the NADH insensitive citrate synthase can be encoded by gltA, such as an R163L mutant of gltA. 20 In still another embodiment, the microbial organism is genetically modified to express exogenous phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (see Example XVI). For example, the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase can be encoded by an Haemophilus influenza phosphoenolpyruvate 25 carboxykinase gene. It is understood that strains exemplified herein for improved production of BDO can similarly be used, with appropriate modifications, to produce other desired products, for example, 4-hydroxybutyrate or other desired products disclosed herein.

It is understood that, in methods of the invention, any of the one or more exogenous nucleic acids can be introduced into a microbial organism to produce a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention. The nucleic acids can be introduced so as to confer, for example, a 4-HB, 35 BDO, THF or GBL biosynthetic pathway onto the microbial organism. Alternatively, encoding nucleic acids can be introduced to produce an intermediate microbial organism having the biosynthetic capability to catalyze some of the required reactions to confer 4-HB, BDO, THF or GBL biosynthetic 40 capability. For example, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 4-HB biosynthetic pathway can comprise at least two exogenous nucleic acids encoding desired enzymes, such as the combination of 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase and α-ketoglutarate decarboxylase; 4-hy- 45 droxybutanoate dehydrogenase and CoA-independent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase; 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase and CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase; CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase and succinyl-CoA synthetase; succinyl-CoA 50 synthetase and glutamate decarboxylase, and the like. Thus, it is understood that any combination of two or more enzymes of a biosynthetic pathway can be included in a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention. Similarly, it is understood that any combination of three 55 or more enzymes of a biosynthetic pathway can be included in a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention, for example, 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, α-ketoglutarate decarboxylase and CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase; CoA-independent succinic 60 semialdehyde dehydrogenase and succinyl-CoA synthetase; 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase and glutamate:succinic semialdehyde transaminase, and so forth, as desired, so long as the combination of enzymes of the desired biosynthetic 65 pathway results in production of the corresponding desired product.

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Similarly, for example, with respect to any one or more exogenous nucleic acids introduced to confer BDO production, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a BDO biosynthetic pathway can comprise at least two exogenous nucleic acids encoding desired enzymes, such as the combination of 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase and α-ketoglutarate decarboxylase; 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase and 4-hydroxybutyryl CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase; 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase and butyrate kinase; 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase and phosphotransbutyrylase; 4-hydroxybutyryl CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase and aldehyde dehydrogenase; 4-hydroxybutyryl CoA: acetyl-CoA transferase and alcohol dehydrogenase; 4-hydroxybutyryl CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase and an aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase, 4-aminobutyrate-CoA transferase and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA transaminase; 4-aminobutyrate kinase and 4-aminobutan-1-ol oxidoreductase (deaminating), and the like. Thus, it is understood that any combination of two or more enzymes of a biosynthetic pathway can be included in a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention. Similarly, it is understood that any combination of three or more enzymes of a biosynthetic pathway can be included in a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention, for example, 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, α-ketoglutarate decarboxylase and 4-hydroxybutyryl CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase; 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, butyrate kinase and phosphotransbutyrylase; 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, 4-hydroxybutyryl CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase and aldehyde dehydrogenase; 4-hydroxybutyryl CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase, aldehyde dehydrogenase and alcohol dehydrogenase; butyrate kinase, phosphotransbutyrylase and an aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase; 4-aminobutyryl-CoA hydrolase, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA reductase and 4-amino butan-1-ol transaminase; 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase and 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase, and the like. Similarly, any combination of four, five or more enzymes of a biosynthetic pathway as disclosed herein can be included in a nonnaturally occurring microbial organism of the invention, as desired, so long as the combination of enzymes of the desired biosynthetic pathway results in production of the corresponding desired product.

Any of the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms described herein can be cultured to produce and/or secrete the biosynthetic products of the invention. For example, the 4-HB producers can be cultured for the biosynthetic production of 4-HB. The 4-HB can be isolated or be treated as described below to generate GBL, THF and/or BDO. Similarly, the BDO producers can be cultured for the biosynthetic production of BDO. The BDO can be isolated or subjected to further treatments for the chemical synthesis of BDO family compounds, as disclosed herein.

The growth medium can include, for example, any carbohydrate source which can supply a source of carbon to the non-naturally occurring microorganism. Such sources include, for example, sugars such as glucose, sucrose, xylose, arabinose, galactose, mannose, fructose and starch. Other sources of carbohydrate include, for example, renewable feedstocks and biomass. Exemplary types of biomasses that can be used as feedstocks in the methods of the invention include cellulosic biomass, hemicellulosic biomass and lignin feedstocks or portions of feedstocks. Such biomass feedstocks contain, for example, carbohydrate substrates useful as carbon sources such as glucose, sucrose, xylose, arabinose, galactose, mannose, fructose and starch. Given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those

skilled in the art will understand that renewable feedstocks and biomass other than those exemplified above also can be used for culturing the microbial organisms of the invention for the production of 4-HB or BDO and other compounds of the invention.

Accordingly, given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art will understand that a nonnaturally occurring microbial organism can be produced that secretes the biosynthesized compounds of the invention when grown on a carbon source such as a carbohydrate. 10 Such compounds include, for example, 4-HB, BDO and any of the intermediates metabolites in the 4-HB pathway, the BDO pathway and/or the combined 4-HB and BDO pathways. All that is required is to engineer in one or more of the enzyme activities shown in FIG. 1 to achieve biosynthesis of 15 the desired compound or intermediate including, for example, inclusion of some or all of the 4-HB and/or BDO biosynthetic pathways. Accordingly, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism that secretes 4-HB when grown on a carbohydrate, secretes BDO when 20 grown on a carbohydrate and/or secretes any of the intermediate metabolites shown in FIG. 1 when grown on a carbohydrate. The BDO producing microbial organisms of the invention can initiate synthesis from, for example, succinate, succinyl-CoA, α-ketogluterate, succinic semial- 25 dehyde, 4-HB, 4-hydroxybutyrylphosphate, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA (4-HB-CoA) and/or 4-hydroxybutyraldehyde.

In some embodiments, culture conditions include anaerobic or substantially anaerobic growth or maintenance conditions. Exemplary anaerobic conditions have been 30 described previously and are well known in the art. Exemplary anaerobic conditions for fermentation processes are described below in the Examples. Any of these conditions can be employed with the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms as well as other anaerobic conditions well known 35 in the art. Under such anaerobic conditions, the 4-HB and BDO producers can synthesize monomeric 4-HB and BDO, respectively, at intracellular concentrations of 5-10 mM or more as well as all other concentrations exemplified previously.

A number of downstream compounds also can be generated for the 4-HB and BDO producing non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention. With respect to the 4-HB producing microbial organisms of the invention, monomeric 4-HB and GBL exist in equilibrium in the 45 culture medium. The conversion of 4-HB to GBL can be efficiently accomplished by, for example, culturing the microbial organisms in acid pH medium. A pH less than or equal to 7.5, in particular at or below pH 5.5, spontaneously converts 4-HB to GBL.

The resultant GBL can be separated from 4-HB and other components in the culture using a variety of methods well known in the art. Such separation methods include, for example, the extraction procedures exemplified in the Examples as well as methods which include continuous 55 liquid-liquid extraction, pervaporation, membrane filtration, membrane separation, reverse osmosis, electrodialysis, distillation, crystallization, centrifugation, extractive filtration, ion exchange chromatography, size exclusion chromatography, adsorption chromatography, and ultrafiltration. All of 60 the above methods are well known in the art. Separated GBL can be further purified by, for example, distillation.

Another down stream compound that can be produced from the 4-HB producing non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention includes, for example, BDO. 65 This compound can be synthesized by, for example, chemical hydrogenation of GBL. Chemical hydrogenation reac-

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tions are well known in the art. One exemplary procedure includes the chemical reduction of 4-HB and/or GBL or a mixture of these two components deriving from the culture using a heterogeneous or homogeneous hydrogenation catalyst together with hydrogen, or a hydride-based reducing agent used stoichiometrically or catalytically, to produce 1,4-butanediol.

Other procedures well known in the art are equally applicable for the above chemical reaction and include, for example, WO No. 82/03854 (Bradley, et al.), which describes the hydrogenolysis of gamma-butyrolactone in the vapor phase over a copper oxide and zinc oxide catalyst. British Pat. No. 1,230,276, which describes the hydrogenation of gamma-butyrolactone using a copper oxide-chromium oxide catalyst. The hydrogenation is carried out in the liquid phase. Batch reactions also are exemplified having high total reactor pressures. Reactant and product partial pressures in the reactors are well above the respective dew points. British Pat. No. 1,314,126, which describes the hydrogenation of gamma-butyrolactone in the liquid phase over a nickel-cobalt-thorium oxide catalyst. Batch reactions are exemplified as having high total pressures and component partial pressures well above respective component dew points. British Pat. No. 1,344,557, which describes the hydrogenation of gamma-butyrolactone in the liquid phase over a copper oxide-chromium oxide catalyst. A vapor phase or vapor-containing mixed phase is indicated as suitable in some instances. A continuous flow tubular reactor is exemplified using high total reactor pressures. British Pat. No. 1,512,751, which describes the hydrogenation of gammabutyrolactone to 1,4-butanediol in the liquid phase over a copper oxide-chromium oxide catalyst. Batch reactions are exemplified with high total reactor pressures and, where determinable, reactant and product partial pressures well above the respective dew points. U.S. Pat. No. 4,301,077, which describes the hydrogenation to 1,4-butanediol of gamma-butyrolactone over a Ru-Ni-Co-Zn catalyst. The reaction can be conducted in the liquid or gas phase or in a mixed liquid-gas phase. Exemplified are continuous flow liquid phase reactions at high total reactor pressures and relatively low reactor productivities. U.S. Pat. No. 4,048,196, which describes the production of 1,4-butanediol by the liquid phase hydrogenation of gamma-butyrolactone over a copper oxide-zinc oxide catalyst. Further exemplified is a continuous flow tubular reactor operating at high total reactor pressures and high reactant and product partial pressures. And U.S. Pat. No. 4,652,685, which describes the hydrogenation of lactones to glycols.

A further downstream compound that can be produced 50 form the 4-HB producing microbial organisms of the invention includes, for example, THF. This compound can be synthesized by, for example, chemical hydrogenation of GBL. One exemplary procedure well known in the art applicable for the conversion of GBL to THF includes, for example, chemical reduction of 4-HB and/or GBL or a mixture of these two components deriving from the culture using a heterogeneous or homogeneous hydrogenation catalyst together with hydrogen, or a hydride-based reducing agent used stoichiometrically or catalytically, to produce tetrahydrofuran. Other procedures well know in the art are equally applicable for the above chemical reaction and include, for example, U.S. Pat. No. 6,686,310, which describes high surface area sol-gel route prepared hydrogenation catalysts. Processes for the reduction of maleic acid to tetrahydrofuran (THF) and 1,4-butanediol (BDO) and for the reduction of gamma butyrolactone to tetrahydrofuran and 1,4-butanediol also are described.

The culture conditions can include, for example, liquid culture procedures as well as fermentation and other large scale culture procedures. As described further below in the Examples, particularly useful yields of the biosynthetic products of the invention can be obtained under anaerobic or 5 substantially anaerobic culture conditions.

Suitable purification and/or assays to test for the production of 4-HB or BDO can be performed using well known methods. Suitable replicates such as triplicate cultures can be grown for each engineered strain to be tested. For 10 example, product and byproduct formation in the engineered production host can be monitored. The final product and intermediates, and other organic compounds, can be analyzed by methods such as HPLC (High Performance Liquid Chromatography), GC-MS (Gas Chromatography-Mass 15 Spectroscopy) and LC-MS (Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectroscopy) or other suitable analytical methods using routine procedures well known in the art. The release of product in the fermentation broth can also be tested with the culture supernatant. Byproducts and residual glucose can be 20 quantified by HPLC using, for example, a refractive index detector for glucose and alcohols, and a UV detector for organic acids (Lin et al., Biotechnol. Bioeng. 90:775-779 (2005)), or other suitable assay and detection methods well known in the art. The individual enzyme or protein activities 25 from the exogenous DNA sequences can also be assayed using methods well known in the art.

The 4-HB or BDO product can be separated from other components in the culture using a variety of methods well known in the art. Such separation methods include, for 30 example, extraction procedures as well as methods that include continuous liquid-liquid extraction, pervaporation, membrane filtration, membrane separation, reverse osmosis, electrodialysis, distillation, crystallization, centrifugation, extractive filtration, ion exchange chromatography, size 35 exclusion chromatography, adsorption chromatography, and ultrafiltration. All of the above methods are well known in the art

The invention further provides a method of manufacturing 4-HB. The method includes fermenting a non-naturally 40 occurring microbial organism having a 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB) biosynthetic pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, CoA-independent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, succinyl-CoA synthetase, CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde transaminase,  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate decarboxylase, or glutamate decarboxylase under substantially anaerobic conditions for a sufficient period of time to produce monomeric 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB), the process comprising fed-batch fermentation and batch separation; fed-batch fermentation and continuous separation, or continuous fermentation and continuous separation.

The culture and chemical hydrogenations described above also can be scaled up and grown continuously for manufacturing of 4-HB, GBL, BDO and/or THF. Exemplary growth procedures include, for example, fed-batch fermentation and batch separation; fed-batch fermentation and continuous separation, or continuous fermentation and continuous separation. All of these processes are well known in the art. 60 Employing the 4-HB producers allows for simultaneous 4-HB biosynthesis and chemical conversion to GBL, BDO and/or THF by employing the above hydrogenation procedures simultaneous with continuous cultures methods such as fermentation. Other hydrogenation procedures also are 65 well known in the art and can be equally applied to the methods of the invention.

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Fermentation procedures are particularly useful for the biosynthetic production of commercial quantities of 4-HB and/or BDO. Generally, and as with non-continuous culture procedures, the continuous and/or near-continuous production of 4-HB or BDO will include culturing a non-naturally occurring 4-HB or BDO producing organism of the invention in sufficient nutrients and medium to sustain and/or nearly sustain growth in an exponential phase. Continuous culture under such conditions can be include, for example, 1 day, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 days or more. Additionally, continuous culture can include 1 week, 2, 3, 4 or 5 or more weeks and up to several months. Alternatively, organisms of the invention can be cultured for hours, if suitable for a particular application. It is to be understood that the continuous and/or near-continuous culture conditions also can include all time intervals in between these exemplary periods. It is further understood that the time of culturing the microbial organism of the invention is for a sufficient period of time to produce a sufficient amount of product for a desired purpose.

Fermentation procedures are well known in the art. Briefly, fermentation for the biosynthetic production of 4-HB, BDO or other 4-HB derived products of the invention can be utilized in, for example, fed-batch fermentation and batch separation; fed-batch fermentation and continuous separation, or continuous fermentation and continuous separation. Examples of batch and continuous fermentation procedures well known in the art are exemplified further below in the Examples.

In addition, to the above fermentation procedures using the 4-HB or BDO producers of the invention for continuous production of substantial quantities of monomeric 4-HB and BDO, respectively, the 4-HB producers also can be, for example, simultaneously subjected to chemical synthesis procedures as described previously for the chemical conversion of monomeric 4-HB to, for example, GBL, BDO and/or THF. The BDO producers can similarly be, for example, simultaneously subjected to chemical synthesis procedures as described previously for the chemical conversion of BDO to, for example, THF, GBL, pyrrolidones and/or other BDO family compounds. In addition, the products of the 4-HB and BDO producers can be separated from the fermentation culture and sequentially subjected to chemical conversion, as disclosed herein.

Briefly, hydrogenation of GBL in the fermentation broth can be performed as described by Frost et al., *Biotechnology Progress* 18: 201-211 (2002). Another procedure for hydrogenation during fermentation include, for example, the methods described in, for example, U.S. Pat. No. 5,478,952. This method is further exemplified in the Examples below.

Therefore, the invention additionally provides a method of manufacturing α-butyrolactone (GBL), tetrahydrofuran (THF) or 1,4-butanediol (BDO). The method includes fermenting a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having 4-hydroxybutanoic acid (4-HB) and/or 1,4-butanediol (BDO) biosynthetic pathways, the pathways comprise at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding 4-hydroxybutanoate dehydrogenase, CoA-independent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, succinyl-CoA synthetase, CoA-desuccinic pendent semialdehyde dehydrogenase, 4-hydroxybutyrate:CoA transferase, glutamate: succinic semialdehyde transaminase, α-ketoglutarate decarboxylase, glutamate decarboxylase, 4-hydroxybutanoate kinase, phosphotransbutyrylase, CoA-independent 1,4-butanediol semialdehyde dehydrogenase, CoA-dependent 1,4-butanediol semialdehyde dehydrogenase, CoA-independent 1,4-butanediol alcohol dehydrogenase or CoA-dependent 1,4-bu-

tanediol alcohol dehydrogenase, under substantially anaerobic conditions for a sufficient period of time to produce 1,4-butanediol (BDO), GBL or THF, the fermenting comprising fed-batch fermentation and batch separation; fed-batch fermentation and continuous separation, or continuous 5 fermentation and continuous separation.

In addition to the biosynthesis of 4-HB, BDO and other products of the invention as described herein, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms and methods of the invention also can be utilized in various combinations with 10 each other and with other microbial organisms and methods well known in the art to achieve product biosynthesis by other routes. For example, one alternative to produce BDO other than use of the 4-HB producers and chemical steps or other than use of the BDO producer directly is through 15 addition of another microbial organism capable of converting 4-HB or a 4-HB product exemplified herein to BDO.

One such procedure includes, for example, the fermentation of a 4-HB producing microbial organism of the invention to produce 4-HB, as described above and below. The 20 4-HB can then be used as a substrate for a second microbial organism that converts 4-HB to, for example, BDO, GBL and/or THF. The 4-HB can be added directly to another culture of the second organism or the original culture of 4-HB producers can be depleted of these microbial organ- 25 isms by, for example, cell separation, and then subsequent addition of the second organism to the fermentation broth can utilized to produce the final product without intermediate purification steps. One exemplary second organism having the capacity to biochemically utilize 4-HB as a substrate 30 for conversion to BDO, for example, is Clostridium acetobutylicum (see, for example, Jewell et al., Current Microbiology, 13:215-19 (1986)).

In other embodiments, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms and methods of the invention can be 35 assembled in a wide variety of subpathways to achieve biosynthesis of, for example, 4-HB and/or BDO as described. In these embodiments, biosynthetic pathways for a desired product of the invention can be segregated into different microbial organisms and the different microbial 40 organisms can be co-cultured to produce the final product. In such a biosynthetic scheme, the product of one microbial organism is the substrate for a second microbial organism until the final product is synthesized. For example, the biosynthesis of BDO can be accomplished as described 45 previously by constructing a microbial organism that contains biosynthetic pathways for conversion of one pathway intermediate to another pathway intermediate or the product, for example, a substrate such as endogenous succinate through 4-HB to the final product BDO. Alternatively, BDO 50 also can be biosynthetically produced from microbial organisms through co-culture or co-fermentation using two organisms in the same vessel. A first microbial organism being a 4-HB producer with genes to produce 4-HB from succinic acid, and a second microbial organism being a BDO pro- 55 ducer with genes to convert 4-HB to BDO.

Given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art will understand that a wide variety of combinations and permutations exist for the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms and methods of the invention 60 together with other microbial organisms, with the co-culture of other non-naturally occurring microbial organisms having subpathways and with combinations of other chemical and/ or biochemical procedures well known in the art to produce 4-HB, BDO, GBL and THF products of the invention.

To generate better producers, metabolic modeling can be utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling can also be

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used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards more efficient production of BDO.

One computational method for identifying and designing metabolic alterations favoring biosynthesis of a desired product is the OptKnock computational framework (Burgard et al., Biotechnol. Bioeng. 84:647-657 (2003)). Opt-Knock is a metabolic modeling and simulation program that suggests gene deletion or disruption strategies that result in genetically stable microorganisms which overproduce the target product. Specifically, the framework examines the complete metabolic and/or biochemical network of a microorganism in order to suggest genetic manipulations that force the desired biochemical to become an obligatory byproduct of cell growth. By coupling biochemical production with cell growth through strategically placed gene deletions or other functional gene disruption, the growth selection pressures imposed on the engineered strains after long periods of time in a bioreactor lead to improvements in performance as a result of the compulsory growth-coupled biochemical production. Lastly, when gene deletions are constructed there is a negligible possibility of the designed strains reverting to their wild-type states because the genes selected by OptKnock are to be completely removed from the genome. Therefore, this computational methodology can be used to either identify alternative pathways that lead to biosynthesis of a desired product or used in connection with the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms for further optimization of biosynthesis of a desired product.

Briefly, OptKnock is a term used herein to refer to a computational method and system for modeling cellular metabolism. The OptKnock program relates to a framework of models and methods that incorporate particular constraints into flux balance analysis (FBA) models. These constraints include, for example, qualitative kinetic information, qualitative regulatory information, and/or DNA microarray experimental data. OptKnock also computes solutions to various metabolic problems by, for example, tightening the flux boundaries derived through flux balance models and subsequently probing the performance limits of metabolic networks in the presence of gene additions or deletions. OptKnock computational framework allows the construction of model formulations that enable an effective query of the performance limits of metabolic networks and provides methods for solving the resulting mixed-integer linear programming problems. The metabolic modeling and simulation methods referred to herein as OptKnock are described in, for example, U.S. publication 2002/0168654, filed Jan. 10, 2002, in International Patent No. PCT/US02/ 00660, filed Jan. 10, 2002, and U.S. patent application Ser. No. 11/891,602, filed Aug. 10, 2007.

Another computational method for identifying and designing metabolic alterations favoring biosynthetic production of a product is a metabolic modeling and simulation system termed SimPheny®. This computational method and system is described in, for example, U.S. publication 2003/0233218, filed Jun. 14, 2002, and in International Patent Application No. PCT/US03/18838, filed Jun. 13, 2003. SimPheny® is a computational system that can be used to produce a network model in silico and to simulate the flux of mass, energy or charge through the chemical reactions of a biological system to define a solution space that contains

any and all possible functionalities of the chemical reactions in the system, thereby determining a range of allowed activities for the biological system. This approach is referred to as constraints-based modeling because the solution space is defined by constraints such as the known stoichiometry of 5 the included reactions as well as reaction thermodynamic and capacity constraints associated with maximum fluxes through reactions. The space defined by these constraints can be interrogated to determine the phenotypic capabilities and behavior of the biological system or of its biochemical 10 components.

These computational approaches are consistent with biological realities because biological systems are flexible and can reach the same result in many different ways. Biological systems are designed through evolutionary mechanisms that 15 have been restricted by fundamental constraints that all living systems must face. Therefore, constraints-based modeling strategy embraces these general realities. Further, the ability to continuously impose further restrictions on a network model via the tightening of constraints results in a 20 reduction in the size of the solution space, thereby enhancing the precision with which physiological performance or phenotype can be predicted.

Given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art will be able to apply various computational 25 frameworks for metabolic modeling and simulation to design and implement biosynthesis of a desired compound in host microbial organisms. Such metabolic modeling and simulation methods include, for example, the computational systems exemplified above as SimPheny® and OptKnock. 30 For illustration of the invention, some methods are described herein with reference to the OptKnock computation framework for modeling and simulation. Those skilled in the art will know how to apply the identification, design and implementation of the metabolic alterations using OptKnock 35 to any of such other metabolic modeling and simulation computational frameworks and methods well known in the art.

The methods described above will provide one set of metabolic reactions to disrupt. Elimination of each reaction 40 within the set or metabolic modification can result in a desired product as an obligatory product during the growth phase of the organism. Because the reactions are known, a solution to the bilevel OptKnock problem also will provide the associated gene or genes encoding one or more enzymes 45 that catalyze each reaction within the set of reactions. Identification of a set of reactions and their corresponding genes encoding the enzymes participating in each reaction is generally an automated process, accomplished through correlation of the reactions with a reaction database having a 50 relationship between enzymes and encoding genes.

Once identified, the set of reactions that are to be disrupted in order to achieve production of a desired product are implemented in the target cell or organism by functional disruption of at least one gene encoding each metabolic 55 reaction within the set. One particularly useful means to achieve functional disruption of the reaction set is by deletion of each encoding gene. However, in some instances, it can be beneficial to disrupt the reaction by other genetic aberrations including, for example, mutation, deletion of 60 regulatory regions such as promoters or cis binding sites for regulatory factors, or by truncation of the coding sequence at any of a number of locations. These latter aberrations, resulting in less than total deletion of the gene set can be useful, for example, when rapid assessments of the coupling 65 of a product are desired or when genetic reversion is less likely to occur.

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To identify additional productive solutions to the above described bilevel OptKnock problem which lead to further sets of reactions to disrupt or metabolic modifications that can result in the biosynthesis, including growth-coupled biosynthesis of a desired product, an optimization method, termed integer cuts, can be implemented. This method proceeds by iteratively solving the OptKnock problem exemplified above with the incorporation of an additional constraint referred to as an integer cut at each iteration. Integer cut constraints effectively prevent the solution procedure from choosing the exact same set of reactions identified in any previous iteration that obligatorily couples product biosynthesis to growth. For example, if a previously identified growth-coupled metabolic modification specifies reactions 1, 2, and 3 for disruption, then the following constraint prevents the same reactions from being simultaneously considered in subsequent solutions. The integer cut method is well known in the art and can be found described in, for example, Burgard et al., Biotechnol. Prog. 17:791-797 (2001). As with all methods described herein with reference to their use in combination with the OptKnock computational framework for metabolic modeling and simulation, the integer cut method of reducing redundancy in iterative computational analysis also can be applied with other computational frameworks well known in the art including, for example, SimPheny®.

The methods exemplified herein allow the construction of cells and organisms that biosynthetically produce a desired product, including the obligatory coupling of production of a target biochemical product to growth of the cell or organism engineered to harbor the identified genetic alterations. Therefore, the computational methods described herein allow the identification and implementation of metabolic modifications that are identified by an in silico method selected from OptKnock or SimPheny®. The set of metabolic modifications can include, for example, addition of one or more biosynthetic pathway enzymes and/or functional disruption of one or more metabolic reactions including, for example, disruption by gene deletion.

As discussed above, the OptKnock methodology was developed on the premise that mutant microbial networks can be evolved towards their computationally predicted maximum-growth phenotypes when subjected to long periods of growth selection. In other words, the approach leverages an organism's ability to self-optimize under selective pressures. The OptKnock framework allows for the exhaustive enumeration of gene deletion combinations that force a coupling between biochemical production and cell growth based on network stoichiometry. The identification of optimal gene/reaction knockouts requires the solution of a bilevel optimization problem that chooses the set of active reactions such that an optimal growth solution for the resulting network overproduces the biochemical of interest (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 84:647-657 (2003)).

An in silico stoichiometric model of *E. coli* metabolism can be employed to identify essential genes for metabolic pathways as exemplified previously and described in, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and in U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379. As disclosed herein, the OptKnock mathematical framework can be applied to pinpoint gene deletions leading to the growth-coupled production of a desired product. Further, the solution of the bilevel OptKnock problem provides only one set of deletions. To enumerate all meaningful solutions, that is, all sets of knockouts leading to growth-coupled production formation,

an optimization technique, termed integer cuts, can be implemented. This entails iteratively solving the OptKnock problem with the incorporation of an additional constraint referred to as an integer cut at each iteration, as discussed above

The methods exemplified above and further illustrated in the Examples below enable the construction of cells and organisms that biosynthetically produce, including obligatory couple production of a target biochemical product to growth of the cell or organism engineered to harbor the identified genetic alterations. In this regard, metabolic alterations have been identified that result in the biosynthesis of 4-HB and 1,4-butanediol. Microorganism strains constructed with the identified metabolic alterations produce elevated levels of 4-HB or BDO compared to unmodified microbial organisms. These strains can be beneficially used for the commercial production of 4-HB, BDO, THF and GBL, for example, in continuous fermentation process without being subjected to the negative selective pressures.

Therefore, the computational methods described herein enable the identification and implementation of metabolic modifications that are identified by an in silico method selected from OptKnock or SimPheny®. The set of metabolic modifications can include, for example, addition of one 25 or more biosynthetic pathway enzymes and/or functional disruption of one or more metabolic reactions including, for example, disruption by gene deletion.

It is understood that modifications which do not substantially affect the activity of the various embodiments of this 30 invention are also included within the definition of the invention provided herein. Accordingly, the following examples are intended to illustrate but not limit the present invention.

Any of the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms 35 described herein can be cultured to produce and/or secrete the biosynthetic products of the invention. For example, the BDO producers can be cultured for the biosynthetic production of BDO.

For the production of BDO, the recombinant strains are 40 cultured in a medium with carbon source and other essential nutrients. It is highly desirable to maintain anaerobic conditions in the fermenter to reduce the cost of the overall process. Such conditions can be obtained, for example, by first sparging the medium with nitrogen and then sealing the 45 flasks with a septum and crimp-cap. For strains where growth is not observed anaerobically, microaerobic conditions can be applied by perforating the septum with a small hole for limited aeration. Exemplary anaerobic conditions have been described previously and are well-known in the 50 art. Exemplary aerobic and anaerobic conditions are described, for example, in U.S. publication 2009/0047719, filed Aug. 10, 2007. Fermentations can be performed in a batch, fed-batch or continuous manner, as disclosed herein.

If desired, the pH of the medium can be maintained at a 55 desired pH, in particular neutral pH, such as a pH of around 7 by addition of a base, such as NaOH or other bases, or acid, as needed to maintain the culture medium at a desirable pH. The growth rate can be determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm), and the glucose 60 uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time.

In addition to renewable feedstocks such as those exemplified above, the BDO producing microbial organisms of the invention also can be modified for growth on syngas as 65 its source of carbon. In this specific embodiment, one or more proteins or enzymes are expressed in the BDO pro-

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ducing organisms to provide a metabolic pathway for utilization of syngas or other gaseous carbon source.

Synthesis gas, also known as syngas or producer gas, is the major product of gasification of coal and of carbonaceous materials such as biomass materials, including agricultural crops and residues. Syngas is a mixture primarily of  $\rm H_2$  and CO and can be obtained from the gasification of any organic feedstock, including but not limited to coal, coal oil, natural gas, biomass, and waste organic matter. Gasification is generally carried out under a high fuel to oxygen ratio. Although largely  $\rm H_2$  and CO, syngas can also include  $\rm CO_2$  and other gases in smaller quantities. Thus, synthesis gas provides a cost effective source of gaseous carbon such as CO and, additionally,  $\rm CO_2$ .

The Wood-Ljungdahl pathway catalyzes the conversion of CO and  $\rm H_2$  to acetyl-CoA and other products such as acetate. Organisms capable of utilizing CO and syngas also generally have the capability of utilizing CO₂ and CO₂/ $\rm H_2$  mixtures through the same basic set of enzymes and transformations encompassed by the Wood-Ljungdahl pathway.  $\rm H_2$ -dependent conversion of CO₂ to acetate by microorganisms was recognized long before it was revealed that CO also could be used by the same organisms and that the same pathways were involved. Many acetogens have been shown to grow in the presence of CO₂ and produce compounds such as acetate as long as hydrogen is present to supply the necessary reducing equivalents (see for example, Drake, *Acetogenesis*, pp. 3-60 Chapman and Hall, New York, (1994)). This can be summarized by the following equation:

 $2\text{CO}_2$ + $4\text{H}_2$ +nADP+nPi $\rightarrow$ CH₃COOH+ $2\text{H}_2$ O+nATP

Hence, non-naturally occurring microorganisms possessing the Wood-Ljungdahl pathway can utilize  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  and  $\mathrm{H}_2$  mixtures as well for the production of acetyl-CoA and other desired products.

The Wood-Ljungdahl pathway is well known in the art and consists of 12 reactions which can be separated into two branches: (1) methyl branch and (2) carbonyl branch. The methyl branch converts syngas to methyl-tetrahydrofolate (methyl-THF) whereas the carbonyl branch converts methyl-THF to acetyl-CoA. The reactions in the methyl branch are catalyzed in order by the following enzymes or proteins: ferredoxin oxidoreductase, formate dehydrogenase, formyltetrahydrofolate synthetase, methenyltetrahycyclodehydratase, methylenetetrahydrofolate drofolate dehydrogenase and methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase. The reactions in the carbonyl branch are catalyzed in order by the following enzymes or proteins: methyltetrahydrofolate:corrinoid protein methyltransferase (for example, AcsE), corrinoid iron-sulfur protein, nickel-protein assembly protein (for example, AcsF), ferredoxin, acetyl-CoA synthase, carbon monoxide dehydrogenase and nickel-protein assembly protein (for example, CooC). Following the teachings and guidance provided herein for introducing a sufficient number of encoding nucleic acids to generate a BDO pathway, those skilled in the art will understand that the same engineering design also can be performed with respect to introducing at least the nucleic acids encoding the Wood-Ljungdahl enzymes or proteins absent in the host organism. Therefore, introduction of one or more encoding nucleic acids into the microbial organisms of the invention such that the modified organism contains the complete Wood-Ljungdahl pathway will confer syngas utilization ability.

Accordingly, given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art will understand that a nonnaturally occurring microbial organism can be produced that

secretes the biosynthesized compounds of the invention when grown on a carbon source such as a carbohydrate. Such compounds include, for example, BDO and any of the intermediate metabolites in the BDO pathway. All that is required is to engineer in one or more of the required 5 enzyme or protein activities to achieve biosynthesis of the desired compound or intermediate including, for example, inclusion of some or all of the BDO biosynthetic pathways. Accordingly, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism that produces and/or secretes BDO when grown on a carbohydrate or other carbon source and produces and/or secretes any of the intermediate metabolites shown in the BDO pathway when grown on a carbohydrate or other carbon source. The BDO producing microbial organisms of the invention can initiate synthesis from an 15 intermediate in a BDO pathway, as disclosed herein.

To generate better producers, metabolic modeling can be utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling can also be used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent 20 publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards 25 more efficient production of BDO.

One computational method for identifying and designing metabolic alterations favoring biosynthesis of a desired product is the OptKnock computational framework (Burgard et al., Biotechnol. Bioeng. 84:647-657 (2003)). Opt- 30 Knock is a metabolic modeling and simulation program that suggests gene deletion strategies that result in genetically stable microorganisms which overproduce the target product. Specifically, the framework examines the complete metabolic and/or biochemical network of a microorganism 35 in order to suggest genetic manipulations that force the desired biochemical to become an obligatory byproduct of cell growth. By coupling biochemical production with cell growth through strategically placed gene deletions or other functional gene disruption, the growth selection pressures 40 imposed on the engineered strains after long periods of time in a bioreactor lead to improvements in performance as a result of the compulsory growth-coupled biochemical production. Lastly, when gene deletions are constructed there is a negligible possibility of the designed strains reverting to 45 their wild-type states because the genes selected by Opt-Knock are to be completely removed from the genome. Therefore, this computational methodology can be used to either identify alternative pathways that lead to biosynthesis of a desired product or used in connection with the non- 50 naturally occurring microbial organisms for further optimization of biosynthesis of a desired product.

Briefly, OptKnock is a term used herein to refer to a computational method and system for modeling cellular metabolism. The OptKnock program relates to a framework 55 of models and methods that incorporate particular constraints into flux balance analysis (FBA) models. These constraints include, for example, qualitative kinetic information, qualitative regulatory information, and/or DNA microarray experimental data. OptKnock also computes 60 solutions to various metabolic problems by, for example, tightening the flux boundaries derived through flux balance models and subsequently probing the performance limits of metabolic networks in the presence of gene additions or deletions. OptKnock computational framework allows the 65 construction of model formulations that enable an effective query of the performance limits of metabolic networks and

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provides methods for solving the resulting mixed-integer linear programming problems. The metabolic modeling and simulation methods referred to herein as OptKnock are described in, for example, U.S. publication 2002/0168654, filed Jan. 10, 2002, in International Patent No. PCT/US02/00660, filed Jan. 10, 2002, and U.S. patent application Ser. No. 11/891,602, filed Aug. 10, 2007.

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of optimal gene/reaction knockouts requires the solution of a bilevel optimization problem that chooses the set of active reactions such that an optimal growth solution for the resulting network overproduces the biochemical of interest (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 84:647-657 (2003)).

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#### EXAMPLE I

# Biosynthesis of 4-Hydroxybutanoic Acid

This example describes exemplary biochemical pathways for 4-HB production.

Previous reports of 4-HB synthesis in microbes have focused on this compound as an intermediate in production of the biodegradable plastic poly-hydroxyalkanoate (PHA) (U.S. Pat. No. 6,117,658). The use of 4-HB/3-HB copolymers over poly-3-hydroxybutyrate polymer (PHB) can result in plastic that is less brittle (Saito and Doi, Intl. J. Biol. Macromol. 16:99-104 (1994)). The production of monomeric 4-HB described herein is a fundamentally distinct process for several reasons: (1) the product is secreted, as opposed to PHA which is produced intracellularly and remains in the cell; (2) for organisms that produce hydroxybutanoate polymers, free 4-HB is not produced, but rather the Coenzyme A derivative is used by the polyhydroxyalkanoate synthase; (3) in the case of the polymer, formation of the granular product changes thermodynamics; and (4) extracellular pH is not an issue for production of the polymer, whereas it will affect whether 4-HB is present in the free acid or conjugate base state, and also the equilibrium between 4-HB and GBL.

4-HB can be produced in two enzymatic reduction steps from succinate, a central metabolite of the TCA cycle, with succinic semialdehyde as the intermediate (FIG. 1). The first of these enzymes, succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, is native to many organisms including E. coli, in which both NADH- and NADPH-dependent enzymes have been found (Donnelly and Cooper, Eur. J. Biochem. 113:555-561 (1981); Donnelly and Cooper, J. Bacteriol. 145:1425-1427 (1981); Marek and Henson, J. Bacteriol. 170:991-994 (1988)). There is also evidence supporting succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase activity in S. cerevisiae (Ramos et al., Eur. J. Biochem. 149:401-404 (1985)), and a putative

gene has been identified by sequence homology. However, most reports indicate that this enzyme proceeds in the direction of succinate synthesis, as shown in FIG. 1 (Donnelly and Cooper, supra; Lutke-Eversloh and Steinbuchel, FEMS Microbiol. Lett. 181:63-71 (1999)), participating in the degradation pathway of 4-HB and gamma-aminobutyrate. Succinic semialdehyde also is natively produced by certain microbial organisms such as E. coli through the TCA cycle intermediate α-ketogluterate via the action of two enzymes: glutamate:succinic semialdehyde transaminase and glutamate decarboxylase. An alternative pathway, used by the obligate anaerobe Clostridium kluyveri to degrade succinate, activates succinate to succinyl-CoA, then converts succinyl-CoA to succinic semialdehyde using an alternative succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase which is known to function in this direction (Sohling and Gottschalk, Eur. J. Biochem. 212:121-127 (1993)). However, this route has the energetic cost of ATP required to convert succinate to succinyl-CoA.

The second enzyme of the pathway, 4-hydroxybutanoate ²⁰ dehydrogenase, is not native to E. coli or yeast but is found in various bacteria such as C. kluyveri and Ralstonia eutropha (Lutke-Eversloh and Steinbuchel, supra; Sohling and Gottschalk, J. Bacteriol. 178:871-880 (1996); Valentin et al., Eur. J. Biochem. 227:43-60 (1995); Wolff and Kenealy, 25 Protein Expr. Purif. 6:206-212 (1995)). These enzymes are known to be NADH-dependent, though NADPH-dependent forms also exist. An additional pathway to 4-HB from alpha-ketoglutarate was demonstrated in E. coli resulting in the accumulation of poly(4-hydroxybutyric acid) (Song et 30 al., Wei Sheng Wu Xue. Bao. 45:382-386 (2005)). The recombinant strain required the overexpression of three heterologous genes, PHA synthase (R. eutropha), 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase (R. eutropha) and 4-hydroxybutyrate:CoA transferase (C. kluyveri), along with two 35 native E. coli genes: glutamate:succinic semialdehyde transaminase and glutamate decarboxylase. Steps 4 and 5 in FIG. 1 can alternatively be carried out by an alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase such as the one identified in Euglena gracilis (Shigeoka et al., Biochem. J. 282(Pt2):319-323 (1992); Shigeoka and Nakano, Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 288:22-28 (1991); Shigeoka and Nakano, *Biochem J.* 292(Pt 2):463-467 (1993)). However, this enzyme has not previously been applied to impact the production of 4-HB or related polymers in any organism.

The microbial production capabilities of 4-hydroxybutyrate were explored in two microbes, *Escherichia coli* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, using in silico metabolic models
of each organism. Potential pathways to 4-HB proceed via a
succinate, succinyl-CoA, or alpha-ketoglutarate intermediate as shown in FIG. 1.

A first step in the 4-HB production pathway from succinate involves the conversion of succinate to succinic semialdehyde via an NADH- or NADPH-dependant succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase. In E. coli, gabD is an NADPdependant succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase and is part of a gene cluster involved in 4-aminobutyrate uptake and degradation (Niegemann et al., Arch. Microbiol. 160:454-460 (1993); Schneider et al., J. Bacteriol. 184:6976-6986 (2002)). sad is believed to encode the enzyme for NADdependant succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase activity (Marek and Henson, supra). S. cerevisiae contains only the NADPH-dependant succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, putatively assigned to UGA2, which localizes to the cytosol (Huh et al., *Nature* 425:686-691 (2003)). The maximum yield calculations assuming the succinate pathway to 4-HB in both E. coli and S. cerevisiae require only the assumption 65 that a non-native 4-HB dehydrogenase has been added to their metabolic networks.

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The pathway from succinyl-CoA to 4-hydroxybutyrate was described in U.S. Pat. No. 6,117,658 as part of a process for making polyhydroxyalkanoates comprising 4-hydroxybutyrate monomer units. Clostridium kluyveri is one example organism known to possess CoA-dependant succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase activity (Sohling and Gottschalk, supra; Sohling and Gottschalk, supra). In this study, it is assumed that this enzyme, from C. kluvveri or another organism, is expressed in E. coli or S. cerevisiae along with a non-native or heterologous 4-HB dehydrogenase to complete the pathway from succinyl-CoA to 4-HB. The pathway from alpha-ketoglutarate to 4-HB was demonstrated in E. coli resulting in the accumulation of poly(4hydroxybutyric acid) to 30% of dry cell weight (Song et al., supra). As E. coli and S. cerevisiae natively or endogenously possess both glutamate: succinic semialdehyde transaminase and glutamate decarboxylase (Coleman et al., J. Biol. Chem. 276:244-250 (2001)), the pathway from AKG to 4-HB can be completed in both organisms by assuming only that a non-native 4-HB dehydrogenase is present.

#### EXAMPLE II

# Biosynthesis of 1,4-Butanediol from Succinate and Alpha-Ketoglutarate

This example illustrates the construction and biosynthetic production of 4-HB and BDO from microbial organisms. Pathways for 4-HB and BDO are disclosed herein.

There are several alternative enzymes that can be utilized in the pathway described above. The native or endogenous enzyme for conversion of succinate to succinyl-CoA (Step 1 in FIG. 1) can be replaced by a CoA transferase such as that encoded by the cat1 gene C. kluyveri (Sohling and Gottschalk, Eur. J Biochem. 212:121-127 (1993)), which functions in a similar manner to Step 9. However, the production of acetate by this enzyme may not be optimal, as it might be secreted rather than being converted back to acetyl-CoA. In this respect, it also can be beneficial to eliminate acetate formation in Step 9. As one alternative to this CoA transferase, a mechanism can be employed in which the 4-HB is first phosphorylated by ATP and then converted to the CoA derivative, similar to the acetate kinase/phosphotransacetylase pathway in E. coli for the conversion of acetate to acetyl-CoA. The net cost of this route is one ATP, which is the same as is required to regenerate acetyl-CoA from acetate. The enzymes phosphotransbutyrylase (ptb) and butyrate kinase (bk) are known to carry out these steps on the non-hydroxylated molecules for butyrate production in C. acetobutylicum (Cary et al., Appl Environ Microbiol 56:1576-1583 (1990); Valentine, R. C. and R. S. Wolfe, J Biol. Chem. 235:1948-1952 (1960)). These enzymes are reversible, allowing synthesis to proceed in the direction of 4-HB.

BDO also can be produced via  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate in addition to or instead of through succinate. A described previously, and exemplified further below, one pathway to accomplish product biosynthesis is with the production of succinic semialdehyde via  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate using the endogenous enzymes (FIG. 1, Steps 4-5). An alternative is to use an  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate decarboxylase that can perform this conversion in one step (FIG. 1, Step 8; Tian et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci U.S.A* 102:10670-10675 (2005)).

For the construction of different strains of BDO-producing microbial organisms, a list of applicable genes was assembled for corroboration. Briefly, one or more genes within the 4-HB and/or BDO biosynthetic pathways were identified for each step of the complete BDO-producing pathway shown in FIG. 1, using available literature resources, the NCBI genetic database, and homology

from the genomic DNA of the native or wild-type organism. For some genes both approaches were used, and in this case the native genes are indicated by an "n" suffix to the gene identification number when used in an experiment. Note that only the DNA sequences differ; the proteins are identical.

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searches. The genes cloned and assessed in this study are presented below in Table 6, along with the appropriate references and URL citations to the polypeptide sequence. As discussed further below, some genes were synthesized for codon optimization while others were cloned via PCR

TABLE 6

Gene ID number	Reaction number (FIG. 1)	Gene name	Source organism	Enzyme name	Link to protein sequence	Reference
0001	9	Cat2	Clostridium kluyveri	4-hydroxybutyrate coenzyme A	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=nuccore&id=1228100	1
0002	12/13	adhE	DSM 555 Clostridium acetobutylicum	transferase Aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=protein&val=15004739	2
0003	12/13	adhE2	ATCC 824 Clostridium acetobutylicum	Aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?val=NP_149325.1	2
0004	1	Cat1	ATCC 824 Clostridium kluyveri	Succinate coenzyme A	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=nuccore&id=1228100	1
8000	6	sucD	DSM 555 Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	transferase Succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase (CoA-dependent)	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=nuccore&id=1228100	1
0009	7	4-HBd	Ralstonia eutropha H16	4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase (NAD-dependent)	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?val=YP_726053.1	2
0010	7	4-HBd	Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=nuccore&id=1228100	1
0011	12/13	adhE	E. coli	(NAD-dependent) Aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase	shigen.nig.ac.jp/ecoli/pec/genes.List.DetailAction.do? fromListFlag=true&featureType=1&orfId=1219	
0012	12/13	yqhD	E. coli	Aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase	shigen.nig.ac.jp/ecoli/pec/genes.List.DetailAction.do	
0013	13	bdhB	Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824	Butanol dehydrogenase II	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?val=NP_349891.1	2
0020	11	ptb	Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824	Phospho- transbutyrylase	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=protein&id=15896327	2
0021	10	buk1	Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824	Butyrate kinase I	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=protein&id=20137334	2
0022	10	buk2	Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824	Butyrate kinase II	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=protein&id=20137415	2
0023	13	adhEm	isolated from metalibrary of anaerobic sewage digester microbial consortia	Alcohol dehydrogenase		(37)d]
0024	13	adhE	Clostridium thermocellum	Alcohol dehydrogenase	genome.jp/dbget-bin/www_bget?cth:Cthe_0423	
0025	13	ald	Clostridium beijerinckii	Coenzyme A- acylating aldehyde dehydrogenase	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=protein&id=49036681	(31)d}
0026	13	bdhA	Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824	Butanol dehydrogenase	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?val=NP_349892.1	2
0027	12	bld	Clostridium saccharoperbutyl- acetonicum	Butyraldehyde dehydrogenase	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=protein&id=31075383	4
0028	13	bdh	Clostridium saccharoperbutyl- acetonicum	Butanol dehydrogenase	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=protein&id=124221917	4
0029	12/13	adhE	Clostridium tetani	Aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase	genome.jp/dbget-bin/www_bget?ctc:CTC01366	
0030	12/13	adhE	clostridium perfringens	Aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase	genome.jp/dbget-bin/www_bget?cpe:CPE2531	
0031	12/13	adhE	Clostridium difficile	Aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase	genome.jp/dbget-bin/www_bget?cdf:CD2966	

TABLE 6-continued

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			Genes	expressed in host BD	O-producting microbial organisms.	
Gene ID number	Reaction number (FIG. 1)	Gene name	Source organism	Enzyme name	Link to protein sequence	Reference
0032	8	sucA	Mycobacterium bovis BCG, Pasteur	α-ketoglutarate decarboxylase	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?val=YP_977400.1	5
0033	9	cat2	Clostridium aminobutyricum	4-hydroxybutyrate coenzyme A transferase	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=protein&val=6249316	
0034	9	cat2	Porphyromonas gingivalis W83	4-hydroxybutyrate coenzyme A transferase	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=protein&val=34541558	
0035	6	sucD	Porphyromonas gingivalis W83	Succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase (CoA-dependent)	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?val=NP_904963.1	
0036	7	4-HBd	Porphyromonas gingivalis W83	NAD-dependent 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?val=NP_904964.1	
0037	7	gbd	Uncultured bacterium	4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?db=nuccore&id=5916168	6
0038	1	sucCD	E. coli	Succinyl-CoA synthetase	shigen.nig.ac.jp/ecoli/pec/genes.List.DetailAction.do	

¹ Sohling and Gottschalk, Eur. J. Biochem. 212: 121-127 (1993); Sohling and Gottschalk, J. Bacteriol. 178: 871-880 (1996)

Expression Vector Construction for BDO Pathway.

Vector backbones and some strains were obtained from Dr. Rolf Lutz of Expressys (expressys.de/). The vectors and strains are based on the pZ Expression System developed by Dr. Rolf Lutz and Prof. Hermann Bujard (Lutz, R. and H. 35 Bujard, *Nucleic Acids Res* 25:1203-1210 (1997)). Vectors obtained were pZE13luc, pZA33luc, pZS*13luc and pZE22luc and contained the luciferase gene as a stuffer fragment. To replace the luciferase stuffer fragment with a lacZ-alpha fragment flanked by appropriate restriction 40 enzyme sites, the luciferase stuffer fragment was first removed from each vector by digestion with EcoRI and XbaI. The lacZ-alpha fragment was PCR amplified from pUC19 with the following primers:

lacZalpha-RI

(SEQ ID NO: 1)

 ${\tt 5'GACGAATTCGCTAGCAAGAGGAGAAGTCGACATGTCCAATTCACTGG}$ 

CCGTCGTTTTAC3

lacZalpha 3'BB

(SEO ID NO: 2)

5'-GACCCTAGGAAGCTTTCTAGAGTCGACCTATGCGGCATCAGAGCAG

A-3'.

This generated a fragment with a 5' end of EcoRI site, Nhel site, a Ribosomal Binding Site, a SalI site and the start codon. On the 3' end of the fragment contained the stop codon, XbaI, HindIII, and AvrII sites. The PCR product was 60 digested with EcoRI and AvrII and ligated into the base vectors digested with EcoRI and XbaI (XbaI and AvrII have compatible ends and generate a non-site). Because NheI and XbaI restriction enzyme sites generate compatible ends that can be ligated together (but generate a NheI/XbaI non-site 65 that is not digested by either enzyme), the genes cloned into the vectors could be "Biobricked" together (openwetware.

org/wiki/Synthetic_Biology:BioBricks). Briefly, this method enables joining an unlimited number of genes into the vector using the same 2 restriction sites (as long as the sites do not appear internal to the genes), because the sites between the genes are destroyed after each addition.

All vectors have the pZ designation followed by letters and numbers indication the origin of replication, antibiotic resistance marker and promoter/regulatory unit. The origin of replication is the second letter and is denoted by E for ColE1, A for p15A and S for pSC101-based origins. The first number represents the antibiotic resistance marker (1 for Ampicillin, 2 for Kanamycin, 3 for Chloramphenicol, 4 for Spectinomycin and 5 for Tetracycline). The final number defines the promoter that regulated the gene of interest (1 for 45  $P_{LtetO-1}$ , 2 for  $P_{LlacO-1}$ , 3 for  $P_{A1lacO-1}$ , and 4 for  $P_{lac/ara-1}$ ). The MCS and the gene of interest follows immediately after. For the work discussed here we employed two base vectors. pZA33 and pZE13, modified for the biobricks insertions as discussed above. Once the gene(s) of interest have been 50 cloned into them, resulting plasmids are indicated using the four digit gene codes given in Table 6; e.g., pZA33-XXXX-YYYY- . . . .

Host Strain Construction.

The parent strain in all studies described here is *E. coli* K-12 strain MG1655. Markerless deletion strains in adhE, gabD, and aldA were constructed under service contract by a third party using the redET method (Datsenko, K. A. and B. L. Wanner, *Proc Natl Acad Sci U.S.A* 97:6640-6645 (2000)). Subsequent strains were constructed via bacterio-phage P1 mediated transduction (Miller, J. Experiments in Molecular Genetics, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, New York (1973)). Strain C600Z1 (laci^q, PN25-tetR, Sp^R, lacY1, leuB6, mcrB+, supE44, thi-1, thr-1, tonA21) was obtained from Expressys and was used as a source of a lacI^q allele for P1 transduction. Bacteriophage P1vir was grown on the C600Z1 *E. coli* strain, which has the spectinomycin resistance gene linked to the lacI^q. The P1 lysate grown on

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² Nolling et al., J., J. Bacteriol. 183: 4823-4838 (2001)

³ Pohlmann et al., Nat. Biotechnol. 24: 1257-1262 (2006)

⁴ Kosaka et al., Biosci. Biotechnol. Biochem. 71: 58-68 (2007)

⁵ Brosch et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 104: 5596-5601 (2007)

⁶ Henne et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 65: 3901-3907 (1999)

C600Z1 was used to infect MG1655 with selection for spectinomycin resistance. The spectinomycin resistant colonies were then screened for the linked lacI^q by determining the ability of the transductants to repress expression of a gene linked to a  $P_{A1lacO-1}$  promoter. The resulting strain was 5 designated MG1655 lacI^q. A similar procedure was used to introduce lacIQ into the deletion strains.

Production of 4-HB from Succinate.

For construction of a 4-HB producer from succinate, genes encoding steps from succinate to 4-HB and 4-HB-CoA (1, 6, 7, and 9 in FIG. 1) were assembled onto the pZA33 and pZE13 vectors as described below. Various combinations of genes were assessed, as well as constructs bearing incomplete pathways as controls (Tables 7 and 8). The plasmids were then transformed into host strains containing  $lacI^{Q}$ , which allow inducible expression by addition of isopropyl β-D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG). Both wild-type and hosts with deletions in genes encoding the native succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase (step 2 in FIG. were tested.

Activity of the heterologous enzymes were first tested in in vitro assays, using strain MG1655 lacI Q  as the host for the plasmid constructs containing the pathway genes. Cells were grown aerobically in LB media (Difco) containing the appropriate antibiotics for each construct, and induced by 25 addition of IPTG at 1 mM when the optical density (OD600) reached approximately 0.5. Cells were harvested after 6 hours, and enzyme assays conducted as discussed below.

In Vitro Enzyme Assays.

To obtain crude extracts for activity assays, cells were 30 harvested by centrifugation at 4,500 rpm (Beckman-Coulter, Allegera X-15R) for 10 min. The pellets were resuspended in 0.3 mL BugBuster (Novagen) reagent with benzonase and lysozyme, and lysis proceeded for 15 minutes at room temperature with gentle shaking. Cell-free lysate was 35 obtained by centrifugation at 14,000 rpm (Eppendorf centrifuge 5402) for 30 min at 4° C. Cell protein in the sample was determined using the method of Bradford et al., Anal. Biochem. 72:248-254 (1976), and specific enzyme assays conducted as described below. Activities are reported in 40 Units/mg protein, where a unit of activity is defined as the amount of enzyme required to convert 1 mmol of substrate in 1 min. at room temperature. In general, reported values are averages of at least 3 replicate assays.

Succinyl-CoA transferase (Cat1) activity was determined 45 by monitoring the formation of acetyl-CoA from succinyl-CoA and acetate, following a previously described procedure Sohling and Gottschalk, J. Bacteriol. 178:871-880 (1996). Succinyl-CoA synthetase (SucCD) activity was determined by following the formation of succinyl-CoA 50 from succinate and CoA in the presence of ATP. The experiment followed a procedure described by Cha and Parks, J. Biol. Chem. 239:1961-1967 (1964). CoA-dependent succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase (SucD) activity was determined by following the conversion of NAD to 55 matic reactions involving coenzyme A (CoA) transfer. The NADH at 340 nm in the presence of succinate semialdehyde and CoA (Sohling and Gottschalk, Eur. J. Biochem. 212: 121-127 (1993)). 4-HB dehydrogenase (4-HBd) enzyme activity was determined by monitoring the oxidation of NADH to NAD at 340 nm in the presence of succinate 60 semialdehyde. The experiment followed a published procedure Gerhardt et al. Arch. Microbiol. 174:189-199 (2000). 4-HB CoA transferase (Cat2) activity was determined using a modified procedure from Scherf and Buckel, Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 57:2699-2702 (1991). The formation of 65 4-HB-CoA or butyryl-CoA formation from acetyl-CoA and 4-HB or butyrate was determined using HPLC.

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Alcohol (ADH) and aldehyde (ALD) dehydrogenase was assayed in the reductive direction using a procedure adapted from several literature sources (Durre et al., FEMS Microbiol. Rev. 17:251-262 (1995); Palosaari and Rogers, J. Bacteriol. 170:2971-2976 (1988) and Welch et al., Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 273:309-318 (1989). The oxidation of NADH is followed by reading absorbance at 340 nM every four seconds for a total of 240 seconds at room temperature. The reductive assays were performed in 100 mM MOPS (adjusted to pH 7.5 with KOH), 0.4 mM NADH, and from 1 to 50 µl of cell extract. The reaction is started by adding the following reagents: 100 µl of 100 mM acetaldehyde or butyraldehyde for ADH, or 100 µl of 1 mM acetyl-CoA or butyryl-CoA for ALD. The Spectrophotometer is quickly blanked and then the kinetic read is started. The resulting slope of the reduction in absorbance at 340 nM per minute, along with the molar extinction coefficient of NAD(P)H at 340 nM (6000) and the protein concentration of the extract, can be used to determine the specific activity.

The enzyme activity of PTB is measured in the direction of butyryl-CoA to butyryl-phosphate as described in Cary et al. J. Bacteriol. 170:4613-4618 (1988). It provides inorganic phosphate for the conversion, and follows the increase in free CoA with the reagent 5,5'-dithiobis-(2-nitrobenzoic acid), or DTNB. DTNB rapidly reacts with thiol groups such as free CoA to release the yellow-colored 2-nitro-5-mercaptobenzoic acid (TNB), which absorbs at 412 nm with a molar extinction coefficient of 14,140 M cm⁻¹. The assay buffer contained 150 mM potassium phosphate at pH 7.4, 0.1 mM DTNB, and 0.2 mM butyryl-CoA, and the reaction was started by addition of 2 to 50 μL cell extract. The enzyme activity of BK is measured in the direction of butyrate to butyryl-phosphate formation at the expense of ATP. The procedure is similar to the assay for acetate kinase previously described Rose et al., J. Biol. Chem. 211:737-756 (1954). However we have found another acetate kinase enzyme assay protocol provided by Sigma to be more useful and sensitive. This assay links conversion of ATP to ADP by acetate kinase to the linked conversion of ADP and phosphoenol pyruvate (PEP) to ATP and pyruvate by pyruvate kinase, followed by the conversion of pyruvate and NADH to lactate and NAD+ by lactate dehydrogenase. Substituting butyrate for acetate is the only major modification to enable the assay to follow BK enzyme activity. The assay mixture contained 80 mM triethanolamine buffer at pH 7.6, 200 mM sodium butyrate, 10 mM MgCl₂, 0.1 mM NADH, 6.6 mM ATP, 1.8 mM phosphoenolpyruvate. Pyruvate kinase, lactate dehydrogenase, and myokinase were added according to the manufacturer's instructions. The reaction was started by adding 2 to 50 µL cell extract, and the reaction was monitored based on the decrease in absorbance at 340 nm indicating NADH oxidation.

Analysis of CoA Derivatives by HPLC.

An HPLC based assay was developed to monitor enzydeveloped method enabled enzyme activity characterization by quantitative determination of CoA, acetyl CoA (AcCoA), butyryl CoA (BuCoA) and 4-hydroxybutyrate CoA (4-HB-CoA) present in in-vitro reaction mixtures. Sensitivity down to low µM was achieved, as well as excellent resolution of all the CoA derivatives of interest.

Chemical and sample preparation was performed as follows. Briefly, CoA, AcCoA, BuCoA and all other chemicals, were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich. The solvents, methanol and acetonitrile, were of HPLC grade. Standard calibration curves exhibited excellent linearity in the 0.01-1 mg/mL concentration range. Enzymatic reaction mixtures contained

100 mM Tris HCl buffer (pH 7), aliquots were taken at different time points, quenched with formic acid (0.04% final concentration) and directly analyzed by HPLC.

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HPLC analysis was performed using an Agilent 1100 HPLC system equipped with a binary pump, degasser, 5 thermostated autosampler and column compartment, and diode array detector (DAD), was used for the analysis. A reversed phase column, Kromasil 100 5 um C18, 4.6×150 mm (Peeke Scientific), was employed. 25 mM potassium phosphate (pH 7) and methanol or acetonitrile, were used as aqueous and organic solvents at 1 mL/min flow rate. Two methods were developed: a short one with a faster gradient for the analysis of well-resolved CoA, AcCoA and BuCoA, and a longer method for distinguishing between closely eluting AcCoA and 4-HBCoA. Short method employed 15 acetonitrile gradient (0 min-5%, 6 min-30%, 6.5 min-5%, 10 min-5%) and resulted in the retention times 2.7, 4.1 and 5.5

min for CoA, AcCoA and BuCoA, respectively. In the long method methanol was used with the following linear gradient: 0 min-5%, 20 min-35%, 20.5 min-5%, 25 min-5%. The retention times for CoA, AcCoA, 4-HBCoA and BuCoA were 5.8, 8.4, 9.2 and 16.0 min, respectively. The injection

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were 5.8, 8.4, 9.2 and 16.0 min, respectively. The injection volume was 5  $\mu$ L, column temperature 30° C., and UV absorbance was monitored at 260 nm.

The results demonstrated activity of each of the four pathway steps (Table 7), though activity is clearly dependent on the gene source, position of the gene in the vector, and the context of other genes with which it is expressed. For example, gene 0035 encodes a succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase that is more active than that encoded by 0008, and 0036 and 0010n are more active 4-HB dehydrogenase genes than 0009. There also seems to be better 4-HB dehydrogenase activity when there is another gene preceding it on the same operon.

TABLE 7

In vitro enzyme activities in cell extracts from MG1655 lacI^Q containing the plasmidsexpressing genes in the 4-HB-CoA pathway. Activities are reported in Units/mg protein, where a unit of activity is defined as the amount of enzyme required to convert 1 μmol of substrate in 1 min. at room temperature.

Sample # p	oZE13 (a)	pZA33 (b)	OD600	Cell Prot (c)	Cat1	SucD	4HBd	Cat2
1 c	eat1 (0004)		2.71	6.43	1.232	0.00		
2 c	eat1 (0004)-sucD (0035)		2.03	5.00	0.761	2.57		
3 c	eat1 (0004)-sucD (0008)		1.04	3.01	0.783	0.01		
4 s	sucD (0035)		2.31	6.94		2.32		
5 s	sucD (0008)		1.10	4.16		0.05		
6		4hbd (0009)	2.81	7.94	0.003		0.25	
7		4hbd (0036)	2.63	7.84			3.31	
8		4hbd (0010n)	2.00	5.08			2.57	
9 c	at1 (0004)-sucD (0035)	4hbd (0009)	2.07	5.04	0.600	1.85	0.01	
10 c	eat1 (0004)-sucD (0035)	4hbd (0036)	2.08	5.40	0.694	1.73	0.41	
11 c	eat1 (0004)-sucD (0035)	4hbd (0010n)	2.44	4.73	0.679	2.28	0.37	
12 c	eat1 (0004)-sucD (0008)	4hbd (0009)	1.08	3.99	0.572	-0.01	0.02	
13 c	at1 (0004)-sucD (0008)	4hbd (0036)	0.77	2.60	0.898	-0.01	0.04	
14 c	at1 (0004)-sucD (0008)	4hbd (0010n)	0.63	2.47	0.776	0.00	0.00	
15		cat2 (0034)	2.56	7.86				1.283
16		cat2(0034)-4hbd(0036)	3.13	8.04			24.86	0.993
17		cat2(0034)-4hbd(0010n)	2.38	7.03			7.45	0.675
18		4hbd(0036)-cat2(0034)	2.69	8.26			2.15	7.490
19		4hbd(0010n)-cat2(0034)	2.44	6.59			0.59	4.101

⁽a) Genes expressed from Plac on pZE13, a high-copy plasmid with colE1 origin and ampicillin resistance. Gene identification numbers are as given in Table 6

Recombinant strains containing genes in the 4-HB pathway were then evaluated for the ability to produce 4-HB in vivo from central metabolic intermediates. Cells were grown anaerobically in LB medium to OD600 of approximately 0.4, then induced with 1 mM IPTG. One hour later, sodium succinate was added to 10 mM, and samples taken for analysis following an additional 24 and 48 hours. 4-HB in the culture broth was analyzed by GC-MS as described below. The results indicate that the recombinant strain can produce over 2 mM 4-HB after 24 hours, compared to essentially zero in the control strain (Table 8).

TABLE 8

	Production of 4-HB from succinate in E. coli strains harboring plasmids expressing various combinations of 4-HB pathway genes.								
Sampl	Sample			24 Hours 48 Hours					urs
#	Host Strain	pZE13	pZA33	OD600	4ΗΒ, μΜ	4HB norm. (a)	OD600	4ΗΒ, μΜ	4HB norm. (a)
1	MG1655 laclq	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0035)	4hbd (0009)	0.47	487	1036	1.04	1780	1711
2	MG1655 laclq	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0035)	4hbd (0027)	0.41	111	270	0.99	214	217
3	MG1655 laclq	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0035)	4hbd (0036)	0.47	863	1835	0.48	2152	4484
4	MG1655 laclq	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0035)	4hbd (0010n)	0.46	956	2078	0.49	2221	4533

as given in Table 6
(b) Genes expressed from Plac on pZA33, a medium-copy plasmid with pACYC origin and chloramphenicol resistance.

⁽c) Cell protein given as mg protein per mL extract.

TABLE 8-continued

	Production of 4-HB from succinate in E. coli strains harboring plasmids expressing various combinations of 4-HB pathway genes.								
Sample	•			24 Hours			48 Hours		
#	Host Strain	pZE13	pZA33	OD600	4ΗΒ, μΜ	4HB norm. (a)	OD600	4НВ, μМ	4HB norm. (a)
5	MG1655 laclq	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0008)	4hbd (0009)	0.38	493	1296	0.37	1338	3616
6	MG1655 laclq	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0008)	4hbd (0027)	0.32	26	81	0.27	87	323
7	MG1655 laclq	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0008)	4hbd (0036)	0.24	506	2108	0.31	1448	4672
8	MG1655 laclq	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0008)	4hbd (0010n)	0.24	78	324	0.56	233	416
9	MG1655 laclq gabD	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0035)	4hbd (0009)	0.53	656	1237	1.03	1643	1595
10	MG1655 laclq gabD	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0035)	4hbd (0027)	0.44	92	209	0.98	214	218
11	MG1655 laclq gabD	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0035)	4hbd (0036)	0.51	1072	2102	0.97	2358	2431
12	MG1655 laclq gabD	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0035)	4hbd (0010n)	0.51	981	1924	0.97	2121	2186
13	MG1655 laclq gabD	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0008)	4hbd (0009)	0.35	407	1162	0.77	1178	1530
14	MG1655 laclq gabD	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0008)	4hbd (0027)	0.51	19	36	1.07	50	47
15	MG1655 laclq gabD	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0008)	4hbd (0036)	0.35	584	1669	0.78	1350	1731
16	MG1655 laclq gabD	cat1 (0004)-sucD (0008)	4hbd (0010n)	0.32	74	232	0.82	232	283
17	MG1655 laclq	vector only	vector only	0.8	1	2	1.44	3	2
18	MG1655 laclq gabD	vector only	vector only	0.89	1	2	1.41	7	5

(a) Normalized 4-HB concentration, μM/OD600 units

An alternate to using a CoA transferase (cat1) to produce succinyl-CoA from succinate is to use the native *E. coli* sucCD genes, encoding succinyl-CoA synthetase. This gene cluster was cloned onto pZE13 along with candidate genes 25 for the remaining steps to 4-HB to create pZE13-0038-0035-0036.

Production of 4-HB from Glucose.

Although the above experiments demonstrate a functional pathway to 4-HB from a central metabolic intermediate 30 (succinate), an industrial process would require the production of chemicals from low-cost carbohydrate feedstocks such as glucose or sucrose. Thus, the next set of experiments was aimed to determine whether endogenous succinate produced by the cells during growth on glucose could fuel 35 the 4-HB pathway. Cells were grown anaerobically in M9 minimal medium (6.78 g/L Na₂HPO₄, 3.0 g/L KH₂PO₄, 0.5 g/L NaCl, 1.0 g/L NH₄Cl, 1 mM MgSO₄, 0.1 mM CaCl₂) supplemented with 20 g/L glucose, 100 mM 3-(N-morpholino)propanesulfonic acid (MOPS) to improve the buff- 40 ering capacity, 10 µg/mL thiamine, and the appropriate antibiotics. 0.25 mM IPTG was added when OD600 reached approximately 0.2, and samples taken for 4-HB analysis every 24 hours following induction. In all cases 4-HB plateaued after 24 hours, with a maximum of about 1 mM in 45 the best strains (FIG. 3a), while the succinate concentration continued to rise (FIG. 3b). This indicates that the supply of succinate to the pathway is likely not limiting, and that the bottleneck may be in the activity of the enzymes themselves or in NADH availability. 0035 and 0036 are clearly the best 50 gene candidates for CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase and 4-HB dehydrogenase, respectively. The elimination of one or both of the genes encoding known (gabD) or putative (aldA) native succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenases had little effect on performance. Finally, it 55 should be noted that the cells grew to a much lower OD in the 4-HB-producing strains than in the controls (FIG. 3c).

An alternate pathway for the production of 4-HB from glucose is via  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate. We explored the use of an  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate decarboxylase from *Mycobacterium tuber-culosis* Tian et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 102:10670-10675 (2005) to produce succinic semialdehyde directly from  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate (step 8 in FIG. 1). To demonstrate that this gene (0032) was functional in vivo, we expressed it on pZE13 in the same host as 4-HB dehydrogenase (gene 0036) 65 on pZA33. This strain was capable of producing over 1.0 mM 4-HB within 24 hours following induction with 1 mM

IPTG (FIG. 4). Since this strain does not express a CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, the possibility of succinic semialdehyde production via succinyl-CoA is eliminated. It is also possible that the native genes responsible for producing succinic semialdehyde could function in this pathway (steps 4 and 5 in FIG. 1); however, the amount of 4-HB produced when the pZE13-0032 plasmid was left out of the host is the negligible.

Production of BDO from 4-HB.

The production of BDO from 4-HB required two reduction steps, catalyzed by dehydrogenases. Alcohol and aldehyde dehydrogenases (ADH and ALD, respectively) are NAD+/H and/or NADP+/H-dependent enzymes that together can reduce a carboxylic acid group on a molecule to an alcohol group, or in reverse, can perform the oxidation of an alcohol to a carboxylic acid. This biotransformation has been demonstrated in wild-type Clostridium acetobutylicum (Jewell et al., Current Microbiology, 13:215-19 (1986)), but neither the enzymes responsible nor the genes responsible were identified. In addition, it is not known whether activation to 4-HB-CoA is first required (step 9 in FIG. 1), or if the aldehyde dehydrogenase (step 12) can act directly on 4-HB. We developed a list of candidate enzymes from C. acetobutylicum and related organisms based on known activity with the non-hydroxylated analogues to 4-HB and pathway intermediates, or by similarity to these characterized genes (Table 6). Since some of the candidates are multifunctional dehydrogenases, they could potentially catalyze both the NAD(P)H-dependent reduction of the acid (or CoA-derivative) to the aldehyde, and of the aldehyde to the alcohol. Before beginning work with these genes in E. coli, we first validated the result referenced above using C. acetobutylicum ATCC 824. Cells were grown in Schaedler broth (Accumedia, Lansing, Mich.) supplemented with 10 mM 4-HB, in an anaerobic atmosphere of 10% CO2, 10% H₂, and 80% N₂ at 30° C. Periodic culture samples were taken, centrifuged, and the broth analyzed for BDO by GC-MS as described below. BDO concentrations of 0.1 mM, 0.9 mM, and 1.5 mM were detected after 1 day, 2 days, and 7 days incubation, respectively. No BDO was detected in culture grown without 4-HB addition. To demonstrate that the BDO produced was derived from glucose, we grew the best BDO producing strain MG1655 lacI^Q pZE13-0004-0035-0002 pZA33-0034-0036 in M9 minimal medium supplemented with 4 g/L uniformly labeled ¹³C-glucose. Cells were induced at OD of 0.67 with 1 mM IPTG, and a

sample taken after 24 hours. Analysis of the culture supernatant was performed by mass spectrometry.

Gene candidates for the 4-HB to BDO conversion pathway were next tested for activity when expressed in the *E. coli* host MG1655 lacI^Q. Recombinant strains containing 5 each gene candidate expressed on pZA33 were grown in the presence of 0.25 mM IPTG for four hours at 37° C. to fully induce expression of the enzyme. Four hours after induction, cells were harvested and assayed for ADH and ALD activity as described above. Since 4-HB-CoA and 4-hydroxybutyraldehyde are not available commercially, assays were performed using the non-hydroxylated substrates (Table 9). The ratio in activity between 4-carbon and 2-carbon substrates for *C. acetobutylicum* adhE2 (0002) and *E. coli* adhE (0011) were similar to those previously reported in the literature a 15 Atsumi et al., *Biochim. Biophys. Acta.* 1207:1-11 (1994).

TABLE 9

In vitro enzyme activities in cell extracts from MG1655 lacI^Q containing pZA33 expressing gene candidates for aldehyde and alcohol dehydrogenases.

	Aldehyde de	hydrogenase	Alcohol del	ıydrogenase
		51	ıbstrate	
Gene	Butyryl-CoA	Acetyl-CoA	Butyraldehyde	Acetaldehyde
0002	0.0076	0.0046	0.0264	0.0247
0003n	0.0060	0.0072	0.0080	0.0075
0011	0.0069	0.0095	0.0265	0.0093
0013	N.D.	N.D.	0.0130	0.0142
0023	0.0089	0.0137	0.0178	0.0235
0025	0	0.0001	N.D.	N.D.
0026	0	0.0005	0.0024	0.0008

Activities are expressed in μmol min⁻¹ mg cell protein⁻¹.

For the BDO production experiments, cat2 from Porphyromonas gingivalis W83 (gene 0034) was included on pZA33 for the conversion of 4-HB to 4-HB-CoA, while the candidate dehydrogenase genes were expressed on pZE13. The host strain was MG1655 lacI^Q. Along with the alcohol and aldehyde dehydrogenase candidates, we also tested the ability of CoA-dependent succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenases (sucD) to function in this step, due to the similarity of the substrates. Cells were grown to an OD of about 0.5 in LB medium supplemented with 10 mM 4-HB, induced with 1 mM IPTG, and culture broth samples taken after 24 hours and analyzed for BDO as described below. The best BDO production occurred using adhE2 from C. acetobutylicum, sucD from C. kluvveri, or sucD from P. gingivalis (FIG. 5). Interestingly, the absolute amount of BDO produced was higher under aerobic conditions; however, this is primarily due to the lower cell density achieved in anaerobic cultures. When normalized to cell OD, the BDO production per unit biomass is higher in anaerobic conditions (Table 10).

TABLE 10

Absolute and normalized BDO concentrations from cultures of cells expressing adhE2 from *C. acetobutylicum*, sucD from *C. kluyveri*, or sucD from *P. gingivalis* (data from experiments 2, 9, and 10 in FIG. 3), as well as the negative control (experiment 1).

Gene expressed	Conditions	$_{(\mu M)}^{BDO}$	OD (600 nm)	BDO/OD
none	Aerobic	0	13.4	0
none	Microaerobic	0.5	6.7	0.09
none	Anaerobic	2.2	1.26	1.75
0002	Aerobic	138.3	9.12	15.2

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#### TABLE 10-continued

Absolute and normalized BDO concentrations from cultures of cells expressing adhE2 from *C. acetobutylicum*, sucD from *C. kluyveri*, or sucD from *P. gingivalis* (data from experiments 2, 9, and 10 in FIG. 3), as well as the negative control (experiment 1).

Gene expressed	Conditions	BDO (µM)	OD (600 nm)	BDO/OD
0002	Microaerobic	48.2	5.52	8.73
0002	Anaerobic	54.7	1.35	40.5
0008n	Aerobic	255.8	5.37	47.6
0008n	Microaerobic	127.9	3.05	41.9
0008n	Anaerobic	60.8	0.62	98.1
0035	Aerobic	21.3	14.0	1.52
0035	Microaerobic	13.1	4.14	3.16
0035	Anaerobic	21.3	1.06	20.1

As discussed above, it may be advantageous to use a route for converting 4-HB to 4-HB-CoA that does not generate acetate as a byproduct. To this aim, we tested the use of phosphotransbutyrylase (ptb) and butyrate kinase (bk) from C. acetobutylicum to carry out this conversion via steps 10 and 11 in FIG. 1. The native ptb/bk operon from C. acetobutylicum (genes 0020 and 0021) was cloned and expressed in pZA33. Extracts from cells containing the resulting construct were taken and assayed for the two enzyme activities as described herein. The specific activity of BK was approximately 65 U/mg, while the specific activity of PTB was approximately 5 U/mg. One unit (U) of activity is defined as conversion of 1 µM substrate in 1 minute at room temperature. Finally, the construct was tested for participation in the conversion of 4-HB to BDO. Host strains were transformed with the pZA33-0020-0021 construct described and pZE13-0002, and compared to use of cat2 in BDO production using the aerobic procedure used above in FIG. 5. The BK/PTB strain produced 1 mM BDO, compared to 2 mM when using cat2 (Table 11). Interestingly, the results were dependent on whether the host strain contained a deletion in the native adhE gene.

TABLE 11

Absolute and normalized BDO concentrations from cultures of cells expressing adhE2 from *C. acetobutylicum* in pZE13 along with either cat2 from *P. gingivalis* (0034) or the PTB/BK genes from *C. acetobutylicum* on pZA33. Host strains were either MG1655 lacI^Q or MG1655 AadhE lacI^Q.

Genes	Host Strain	BDO (µM)	OD (600 nm)	BDO/OD
0034 0020 + 0021 0034 0020 + 0021	MG1655 lacI ^Q MG1655 lacI ^Q MG1655 ΔadhE lacI ^Q MG1655 ΔadhE lacI ^Q	0.827 0.007 2.084 0.975	19.9 9.8 12.5 18.8	0.042 0.0007 0.166 0.052

Production of BDO from Glucose.

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The final step of pathway corroboration is to express both the 4-HB and BDO segments of the pathway in *E. coli* and demonstrate production of BDO in glucose minimal medium. New plasmids were constructed so that all the required genes fit on two plasmids. In general, cat1, adhE, and sucD genes were expressed from pZE13, and cat2 and 4-HBd were expressed from pZA33. Various combinations of gene source and gene order were tested in the MG1655 lacI^Q background. Cells were grown anaerobically in M9 minimal medium (6.78 g/L Na₂HPO₄, 3.0 g/L KH₂PO₄, 0.5 g/L NaCl, 1.0 g/L NH₄Cl, 1 mM MgSO₄, 0.1 mM CaCl₂)

supplemented with 20 g/L glucose, 100 mM 3-(N-morpholino)propanesulfonic acid (MOPS) to improve the buffering capacity, 10 µg/mL thiamine, and the appropriate antibiotics. 0.25 mM IPTG was added approximately 15 hours following inoculation, and culture supernatant 5 samples taken for BDO, 4-HB, and succinate analysis 24 and 48 hours following induction. The production of BDO appeared to show a dependency on gene order (Table 12). The highest BDO production, over 0.5 mM, was obtained with cat2 expressed first, followed by 4-HBd on pZA33, and 10 cat1 followed by P. gingivalis sucD on pZE13. The addition of C. acetobutylicum adhE2 in the last position on pZE13 resulted in slight improvement. 4-HB and succinate were also produced at higher concentrations.

in a split injection mode introducing 1 µL of sample at 20:1 split ratio. The injection port temperature was 250° C. Helium was used as a carrier gas, and the flow rate was maintained at 1.0 mL/min. A temperature gradient program was optimized to ensure good resolution of the analytes of interest and minimum matrix interference. The oven was initially held at 80° C. for 1 min, then ramped to 120° C. at 2° C./min, followed by fast ramping to 320° C. at 100° C./min and final hold for 6 min at 320° C. The MS interface transfer line was maintained at 280° C. The data were acquired using 'lowmass' MS tune settings and 30-400 m/z mass-range scan. The total analysis time was 29 min including 3 min solvent delay. The retention times corresponded to 5.2, 10.5, 14.0 and 18.2 min for BSTFA-derivatized cyclo-

TABLE 12

Production of BDO, 4-HB, and succinate in recombinant E. coli strains expressing combinations of BDO pathway genes, grown in minimal medium supplemented with 20 g/L glucose. Concentrations are given in mM.

					24 Hc	urs			48 I	Iours	
Sample	pZE13	pZA33	Induction OD	OD600 nm	Su	4HB	BDO	OD600 nm	Su	4HB	BDO
1	cat1(0004)-sucD(0035)	4hbd (0036)-cat2(0034)	0.92	1.29	5.44	1.37	0.240	1.24	6.42	1.49	0.280
2	cat1(0004)-sucD(0008N)	4hbd (0036)-cat2(0034)	0.36	1.11	6.90	1.24	0.011	1.06	7.63	1.33	0.011
3	adhE(0002)-cat1(0004)-sucD(0035)	4hbd (0036)-cat2(0034)	0.20	0.44	0.34	1.84	0.050	0.60	1.93	2.67	0.119
4	cat1(0004)-sucD(0035)-adhE(0002)	4hbd (0036)-cat2(0034)	1.31	1.90	9.02	0.73	0.073	1.95	9.73	0.82	0.077
5	adhE(0002)-cat1(0004)-sucD(0008N)	4hbd (0036)-cat2(0034)	0.17	0.45	1.04	1.04	0.008	0.94	7.13	1.02	0.017
6	cat1(0004)-sucD(0008N)-adhE(0002)	4hbd (0036)-cat2(0034)	1.30	1.77	10.47	0.25	0.004	1.80	11.49	0.28	0.003
7	cat1(0004)-sucD(0035)	cat2(0034)-4hbd(0036)	1.09	1.29	5.63	2.15	0.461	1.38	6.66	2.30	0.520
8	cat1(0004)-sucD(0008N)	cat2(0034)-4hbd(0036)	1.81	2.01	11.28	0.02	0.000	2.24	11.13	0.02	0.000
9	adhE(0002)-cat1(0004)-sucD(0035)	cat2(0034)-4hbd(0036)	0.24	1.99	2.02	2.32	0.106	0.89	4.85	2.41	0.186
10	cat1(0004)-sucD(0035)-adhE(0002)	cat2(0034)-4hbd(0036)	0.98	1.17	5.30	2.08	0.569	1.33	6.15	2.14	0.640
11	adhE(0002)-cat1(0004)-sucD(0008N)	cat2(0034)-4hbd(0036)	0.20	0.53	1.38	2.30	0.019	0.91	8.10	1.49	0.034
12	cat1(0004)-sucD(0008N)-adhE(0002)	cat2(0034)-4hbd(0036)	2.14	2.73	12.07	0.16	0.000	3.10	11.79	0.17	0.002
13	vector only	vector only	2.11	2.62	9.03	0.01	0.000	3.00	12.05	0.01	0.000

Analysis of BDO, 4-HB and Succinate by GCMS.

BDO, 4-HB and succinate in fermentation and cell culture samples were derivatized by silylation and quantitatively analyzed by GCMS using methods adapted from literature 40 reports ((Simonov et al., J. Anal Chem. 59:965-971 (2004)). The developed method demonstrated good sensitivity down to 1 µM, linearity up to at least 25 mM, as well as excellent selectivity and reproducibility.

filtered (0.2 µm or 0.45 µm syringe filters) samples, e.g. fermentation broth, cell culture or standard solutions, were dried down in a Speed Vac Concentrator (Savant SVC-100H) for approximately 1 hour at ambient temperature, followed by the addition of 20 µL 10 mM cyclohexanol 50 solution, as an internal standard, in dimethylformamide. The mixtures were vortexed and sonicated in a water bath (Branson 3510) for 15 min to ensure homogeneity. 100 μL silylation derivatization reagent, N,O-bis(trimethylsilyl)trifluoro-acetimide (BSTFA) with 1% trimethylchlorosilane, 55 was added, and the mixture was incubated at 70° C. for 30 min. The derivatized samples were centrifuged for 5 min, and the clear solutions were directly injected into GCMS. All the chemicals and reagents were from Sigma-Aldrich, with the exception of BDO which was purchased from J. T. 60

GCMS was performed on an Agilent gas chromatograph 6890N, interfaced to a mass-selective detector (MSD) 5973N operated in electron impact ionization (EI) mode has been used for the analysis. A DB-5MS capillary column 65 (J&W Scientific, Agilent Technologies), 30 m×0.25 mm i.d.×0.25 μm film thickness, was used. The GC was operated

hexanol, BDO, 4-HB and succinate, respectively. For quantitative analysis, the following specific mass fragments were selected (extracted ion chromatograms): m/z 157 for internal standard cyclohexanol, 116 for BDO, and 147 for both 4-HB and succinate. Standard calibration curves were constructed using analyte solutions in the corresponding cell culture or fermentation medium to match sample matrix as close as possible. GCMS data were processed using Environmental Sample preparation was performed as follows: 100 µL 45 Data Analysis ChemStation software (Agilent Technologies).

The results indicated that most of the 4-HB and BDO produced were labeled with ¹³C (FIG. **6**, right-hand sides). Mass spectra from a parallel culture grown in unlabeled glucose are shown for comparison (FIG. 6, left-hand sides). Note that the peaks seen are for fragments of the derivatized molecule containing different numbers of carbon atoms from the metabolite. The derivatization reagent also contributes some carbon and silicon atoms that naturally-occurring label distribution, so the results are not strictly quantitative.

Production of BDO from 4-HB Using Alternate Path-

The various alternate pathways were also tested for BDO production. This includes use of the native E. coli SucCD enzyme to convert succinate to succinyl-CoA (Table 13, rows 2-3), use of α-ketoglutarate decarboxylase in the α-ketoglutarate pathway (Table 13, row 4), and use of PTB/BK as an alternate means to generate the CoA-derivative of 4HB (Table 13, row 1). Strains were constructed containing plasmids expressing the genes indicated in Table 13, which encompass these variants. The results show that in all cases, production of 4-HB and BDO occurred (Table 13).

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# TABLE 13

Production of BDO, 4-HB, and succinate in recombinant *E. coli* strains genes for different BDO pathway variants, grown anaerobically in minimal medium supplemented with 20 g/L glucose, and harvested 24 hours after induction with 0.1 mM IPTG. Concentrations are given in mM.

Genes on pZE13	Genes on pZA33	Succinate	4-HB	BDO
0002 + 0004 + 0035 0038 + 0035 0038 + 0035	0020n-0021n-0036 0034-0036 0036-0034	0.336 0.814 0.741	2.91 2.81 2.57	0.230 0.126 0.114
0035 + 0032	0034-0036	5.01	0.538	0.154

#### EXAMPLE III

Biosynthesis of 4-Hydroxybutanoic Acid, γ-Butyrolactone and 1,4-Butanediol

This Example describes the biosynthetic production of  20  4-hydroxybutanoic acid,  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone and  1 ,4-butanediol using fermentation and other bioprocesses.

Methods for the integration of the 4-HB fermentation step into a complete process for the production of purified GBL, 1,4-butanediol (BDO) and tetrahydrofuran (THF) are 25 described below. Since 4-HB and GBL are in equilibrium, the fermentation broth will contain both compounds. At low pH this equilibrium is shifted to favor GBL. Therefore, the fermentation can operate at pH 7.5 or less, generally pH 5.5 or less. After removal of biomass, the product stream enters 30 into a separation step in which GBL is removed and the remaining stream enriched in 4-HB is recycled. Finally, GBL is distilled to remove any impurities. The process operates in one of three ways: 1) fed-batch fermentation and batch separation; 2) fed-batch fermentation and continuous 35 separation; 3) continuous fermentation and continuous separation. The first two of these modes are shown schematically in FIG. 7. The integrated fermentation procedures described below also are used for the BDO producing cells of the invention for biosynthesis of BDO and subsequent BDO 40 family products.

Fermentation Protocol to Produce 4-HB/GBL (Batch):

The production organism is grown in a 10 L bioreactor sparged with an N₂/CO₂ mixture, using 5 L broth containing 5 g/L potassium phosphate, 2.5 g/L ammonium chloride, 0.5 45 g/L magnesium sulfate, and 30 g/L corn steep liquor, and an initial glucose concentration of 20 g/L. As the cells grow and utilize the glucose, additional 70% glucose is fed into the bioreactor at a rate approximately balancing glucose consumption. The temperature of the bioreactor is maintained at 50 30 degrees C. Growth continues for approximately 24 hours, until 4-HB reaches a concentration of between 20-200 g/L, with the cell density being between 5 and 10 g/L. The pH is not controlled, and will typically decrease to pH 3-6 by the end of the run. Upon completion of the cultivation period, 55 the fermenter contents are passed through a cell separation unit (e.g., centrifuge) to remove cells and cell debris, and the fermentation broth is transferred to a product separations unit. Isolation of 4-HB and/or GBL would take place by standard separations procedures employed in the art to 60 separate organic products from dilute aqueous solutions, such as liquid-liquid extraction using a water immiscible organic solvent (e.g., toluene) to provide an organic solution of 4-HB/GBL. The resulting solution is then subjected to standard distillation methods to remove and recycle the 65 organic solvent and to provide GBL (boiling point 204-205° C.) which is isolated as a purified liquid.

Fermentation Protocol to Produce 4-HB/GBL (Fully Coninuous):

The production organism is first grown up in batch mode using the apparatus and medium composition described above, except that the initial glucose concentration is 30-50 g/L. When glucose is exhausted, feed medium of the same composition is supplied continuously at a rate between 0.5 L/hr and 1 L/hr, and liquid is withdrawn at the same rate. The 4-HB concentration in the bioreactor remains constant at 10 30-40 g/L, and the cell density remains constant between 3-5 g/L. Temperature is maintained at 30 degrees C., and the pH is maintained at 4.5 using concentrated NaOH and HCl, as required. The bioreactor is operated continuously for one month, with samples taken every day to assure consistency 15 of 4-HB concentration. In continuous mode, fermenter contents are constantly removed as new feed medium is supplied. The exit stream, containing cells, medium, and products 4-HB and/or GBL, is then subjected to a continuous product separations procedure, with or without removing cells and cell debris, and would take place by standard continuous separations methods employed in the art to separate organic products from dilute aqueous solutions, such as continuous liquid-liquid extraction using a water immiscible organic solvent (e.g., toluene) to provide an organic solution of 4-HB/GBL. The resulting solution is subsequently subjected to standard continuous distillation methods to remove and recycle the organic solvent and to provide GBL (boiling point 204-205° C.) which is isolated as a purified liquid.

GBL Reduction Protocol:

Once GBL is isolated and purified as described above, it will then be subjected to reduction protocols such as those well known in the art (references cited) to produce 1,4-butanediol or tetrahydrofuran (THF) or a mixture thereof. Heterogeneous or homogeneous hydrogenation catalysts combined with GBL under hydrogen pressure are well known to provide the products 1,4-butanediol or tetrahydrofuran (THF) or a mixture thereof. It is important to note that the 4-HB/GBL product mixture that is separated from the fermentation broth, as described above, may be subjected directly, prior to GBL isolation and purification, to these same reduction protocols to provide the products 1,4-butanediol or tetrahydrofuran or a mixture thereof. The resulting products, 1,4-butanediol and THF are then isolated and purified by procedures well known in the art.

Fermentation and Hydrogenation Protocol to Produce BDO or THF Directly (Batch):

Cells are grown in a 10 L bioreactor sparged with an N₂/CO₂ mixture, using 5 L broth containing 5 g/L potassium phosphate, 2.5 g/L ammonium chloride, 0.5 g/L magnesium sulfate, and 30 g/L corn steep liquor, and an initial glucose concentration of 20 g/L. As the cells grow and utilize the glucose, additional 70% glucose is fed into the bioreactor at a rate approximately balancing glucose consumption. The temperature of the bioreactor is maintained at 30 degrees C. Growth continues for approximately 24 hours, until 4-HB reaches a concentration of between 20-200 g/L, with the cell density being between 5 and 10 g/L. The pH is not controlled, and will typically decrease to pH 3-6 by the end of the run. Upon completion of the cultivation period, the fermenter contents are passed through a cell separation unit (e.g., centrifuge) to remove cells and cell debris, and the fermentation broth is transferred to a reduction unit (e.g., hydrogenation vessel), where the mixture 4-HB/GBL is directly reduced to either 1,4-butanediol or THF or a mixture thereof. Following completion of the reduction procedure, the reactor contents are transferred to a product separations

unit. Isolation of 1,4-butanediol and/or THF would take place by standard separations procedures employed in the art to separate organic products from dilute aqueous solutions, such as liquid-liquid extraction using a water immiscible organic solvent (e.g., toluene) to provide an organic solution of 1,4-butanediol and/or THF. The resulting solution is then subjected to standard distillation methods to remove and recycle the organic solvent and to provide 1,4-butanediol and/or THF which are isolated as a purified liquids.

Fermentation and Hydrogenation Protocol to Produce BDO or THF Directly (Fully Continuous):

The cells are first grown up in batch mode using the apparatus and medium composition described above, except that the initial glucose concentration is 30-50 g/L. When 15 glucose is exhausted, feed medium of the same composition is supplied continuously at a rate between 0.5 L/hr and 1 L/hr, and liquid is withdrawn at the same rate. The 4-HB concentration in the bioreactor remains constant at 30-40 g/L, and the cell density remains constant between 3-5 g/L. 20 Temperature is maintained at 30 degrees C., and the pH is maintained at 4.5 using concentrated NaOH and HCl, as required. The bioreactor is operated continuously for one month, with samples taken every day to assure consistency of 4-HB concentration. In continuous mode, fermenter con- 25 tents are constantly removed as new feed medium is supplied. The exit stream, containing cells, medium, and products 4-HB and/or GBL, is then passed through a cell separation unit (e.g., centrifuge) to remove cells and cell debris, and the fermentation broth is transferred to a con- 30 tinuous reduction unit (e.g., hydrogenation vessel), where the mixture 4-HB/GBL is directly reduced to either 1,4butanediol or THF or a mixture thereof. Following completion of the reduction procedure, the reactor contents are transferred to a continuous product separations unit. Isola- 35 tion of 1,4-butanediol and/or THF would take place by standard continuous separations procedures employed in the art to separate organic products from dilute aqueous solutions, such as liquid-liquid extraction using a water immiscible organic solvent (e.g., toluene) to provide an organic 40 solution of 1,4-butanediol and/or THF. The resulting solution is then subjected to standard continuous distillation methods to remove and recycle the organic solvent and to provide 1,4-butanediol and/or THF which are isolated as a purified liquids.

Fermentation Protocol to Produce BDO Directly (Batch): The production organism is grown in a 10 L bioreactor sparged with an N₂/CO₂ mixture, using 5 L broth containing 5 g/L potassium phosphate, 2.5 g/L ammonium chloride, 0.5 g/L magnesium sulfate, and 30 g/L corn steep liquor, and an 50 initial glucose concentration of 20 g/L. As the cells grow and utilize the glucose, additional 70% glucose is fed into the bioreactor at a rate approximately balancing glucose consumption. The temperature of the bioreactor is maintained at 30 degrees C. Growth continues for approximately 24 hours, 55 until BDO reaches a concentration of between 20-200 g/L, with the cell density generally being between 5 and 10 g/L. Upon completion of the cultivation period, the fermenter contents are passed through a cell separation unit (e.g., centrifuge) to remove cells and cell debris, and the fermen- 60 tation broth is transferred to a product separations unit. Isolation of BDO would take place by standard separations procedures employed in the art to separate organic products from dilute aqueous solutions, such as liquid-liquid extraction using a water immiscible organic solvent (e.g., toluene) 65 to provide an organic solution of BDO. The resulting solution is then subjected to standard distillation methods to

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remove and recycle the organic solvent and to provide BDO (boiling point 228-229° C.) which is isolated as a purified liquid.

Fermentation Protocol to Produce BDO Directly (Fully Continuous):

The production organism is first grown up in batch mode using the apparatus and medium composition described above, except that the initial glucose concentration is 30-50 g/L. When glucose is exhausted, feed medium of the same composition is supplied continuously at a rate between 0.5 L/hr and 1 L/hr, and liquid is withdrawn at the same rate. The BDO concentration in the bioreactor remains constant at 30-40 g/L, and the cell density remains constant between 3-5 g/L. Temperature is maintained at 30 degrees C., and the pH is maintained at 4.5 using concentrated NaOH and HCl, as required. The bioreactor is operated continuously for one month, with samples taken every day to assure consistency of BDO concentration. In continuous mode, fermenter contents are constantly removed as new feed medium is supplied. The exit stream, containing cells, medium, and the product BDO, is then subjected to a continuous product separations procedure, with or without removing cells and cell debris, and would take place by standard continuous separations methods employed in the art to separate organic products from dilute aqueous solutions, such as continuous liquid-liquid extraction using a water immiscible organic solvent (e.g., toluene) to provide an organic solution of BDO. The resulting solution is subsequently subjected to standard continuous distillation methods to remove and recycle the organic solvent and to provide BDO (boiling point 228-229° C.) which is isolated as a purified liquid (mpt 20° C.).

## EXAMPLE IV

#### Exemplary BDO Pathways

This example describes exemplary enzymes and corresponding genes for 1,4-butandiol (BDO) synthetic pathways.

Exemplary BDO synthetic pathways are shown in FIGS. **8-13**. The pathways depicted in FIGS. **8-13** are from common central metabolic intermediates to 1,4-butanediol. All transformations depicted in FIGS. **8-13** fall into the 18 general categories of transformations shown in Table 14. Below is described a number of biochemically characterized candidate genes in each category. Specifically listed are genes that can be applied to catalyze the appropriate transformations in FIGS. **9-13** when cloned and expressed in a host organism. The top three exemplary genes for each of the key steps in FIGS. **9-13** are provided in Tables 15-23 (see below). Exemplary genes were provided for the pathways depicted in FIG. **8** are described herein.

# TABLE 14

Enzyme types required to convert common central metabolic intermediates into 1,4-butanediol. The first three digits of each label correspond to the first three Enzyme Commission number digits which denote the general type of transformation independent of substrate specificity.

Label	Function
1.1.1.a 1.1.1.c 1.2.1.b 1.2.1.c	Oxidoreductase (ketone to hydroxyl or aldehyde to alcohol) Oxidoreductase (2 step, acyl-CoA to alcohol) Oxidoreductase (acyl-CoA to aldehyde) Oxidoreductase (2-oxo acid to acyl-CoA, decarboxylation)

Enzyme types required to convert common central metabolic intermediates into 1,4-butanediol. The first three digits of each label correspond to the first three Enzyme Commission number digits which denote the general type of transformation independent of substrate specificity.

Label	Function
1.2.1.d	Oxidoreductase (phosphorylating/dephosphorylating)
1.3.1.a	Oxidoreductase operating on CH—CH donors
1.4.1.a	Oxidoreductase operating on amino acids
2.3.1.a	Acyltransferase (transferring phosphate group)
2.6.1.a	Aminotransferase
2.7.2.a	Phosphotransferase, carboxyl group acceptor
2.8.3.a	Coenzyme-A transferase
3.1.2.a	Thiolester hydrolase (CoA specific)
4.1.1.a	Carboxy-lyase
4.2.1.a	Hydro-lyase
4.3.1.a	Ammonia-lyase
5.3.3.a	Isomerase
5.4.3.a	Aminomutase
6.2.1.a	Acid-thiol ligase

# 1.1.1.a—Oxidoreductase (Aldehyde to Alcohol or Ketone to Hydroxyl)

Aldehyde to Alcohol.

Exemplary genes encoding enzymes that catalyze the 25 conversion of an aldehyde to alcohol, that is, alcohol dehydrogenase or equivalently aldehyde reductase, include alrA encoding a medium-chain alcohol dehydrogenase for C2-C14 (Tani et al. *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 66:5231-5235 (2000)), ADH2 from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Atsumi et al. *Nature* 451:86-89 (2008)), yqhD from *E. coli* which has preference for molecules longer than C(3) (Sulzenbacher et al. *Journal of Molecular Biology* 342:489-502 (2004)), and bdh I and bdh II from *C. acetobutylicum* which converts butyraldehyde into butanol (Walter et al. *Journal of Bacteriology* 174:7149-7158 (1992)). The protein sequences for each of these exemplary gene products, if available, can be found using the following GenBank accession numbers:

alrA ADH2	BAB12273.1 NP_014032.1	Acinetobacter sp. Strain M-1 Saccharymyces cerevisiae
yqhD	NP_417484.1	Escherichia coli
bdh I	NP_349892.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum
bdh II	NP_349891.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum

Enzymes exhibiting 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase activity (EC 1.1.1.61) also fall into this category. Such enzymes have been characterized in *Ralstonia eutropha* (Bravo et al. *J. Forensic Sci.* 49:379-387 (2004), ⁵⁰ *Clostridium kluyveri* (Wolff et al. *Protein Expr. Purif.* 6:206-212 (1995)) and *Arabidopsis thaliana* (Breitkreuz et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* 278:41552-41556 (2003)).

4hbd	YP_726053.1	Ralstonia eutropha H16
4hbd	L21902.1	Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555
4hbd	Q94B07	Arabidopsis thaliana

Another exemplary enzyme is 3-hydroxyisobutyrate 60 dehydrogenase which catalyzes the reversible oxidation of 3-hydroxyisobutyrate to methylmalonate semialdehyde. This enzyme participates in valine, leucine and isoleucine degradation and has been identified in bacteria, eukaryotes, and mammals. The enzyme encoded by P84067 from *Ther-65 mus thermophilus* HB8 has been structurally characterized (Lokanath et al. *J Mol Biol* 352:905-17 (2005)). The revers-

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ibility of the human 3-hydroxyisobutyrate dehydrogenase was demonstrated using isotopically-labeled substrate (Manning et al. Biochem J 231:481-484 (1985)). Additional genes encoding this enzyme include 3hidh in Homo sapiens (Hawes et al. Methods Enzymol. 324:218-228 (2000)) and Oryctolagus cuniculus (Chowdhury et al. Biosci. Biotechnol Biochem. 60:2043-2047 (1996); Hawes et al. Methods Enzymol. 324:218-228 (2000)), mmsb in Pseudomonas aeruginosa, and dhat in Pseudomonas putida (Aberhart et al. J Chem. Soc. [Perkin 1] 6:1404-1406 (1979); Chowdhury et al. Biosci. Biotechnol Biochem. 67:438-441 (2003); Chowdhury et al. Biosci. Biotechnol Biochem. 60:2043-2047 (1996)).

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	P84067	P84067	Thermus thermophilus
	mmsb	P28811.1	Pseudomonas aeruginosa
	dhat	Q59477.1	Pseudomonas putida
	3hidh	P31937.2	Homo sapiens
	3hidh	P32185.1	Oryctolagus cuniculus
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Several 3-hydroxyisobutyrate dehydrogenase enzymes have also been shown to convert malonic semialdehyde to 3-hydroxypropionic acid (3-HP). Three gene candidates exhibiting this activity are mmsB from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1(62), mmsB from *Pseudomonas putida* KT2440 (Liao et al., US Publication 2005/0221466) and mmsB from *Pseudomonas putida* E23 (Chowdhury et al., *Biosci. Biotechnol. Biochem.* 60:2043-2047 (1996)). An enzyme with 3-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase activity in *Alcaligenes faecalis* M3A has also been identified (Gokam et al., U.S. Pat. No. 7,393,676; Liao et al., US Publication No. 2005/0221466). Additional gene candidates from other organisms including *Rhodobacter spaeroides* can be inferred by sequence similarity.

mmsB mmsB mmsB mmsB	AAA25892.1 NP_252259.1 NP_746775.1 JC7926	Pseudomonas aeruginosa Pseudomonas aeruginosa PAO1 Pseudomonas putida KT2440 Pseudomonas putida E23 Phodobastas spaesides
orfB1	AAL26884	Rhodobacter spaeroides

The conversion of malonic semialdehyde to 3-HP can also be accomplished by two other enzymes: NADH-dependent 3-hydroxypropionate dehydrogenase and NADPH-dependent malonate semialdehyde reductase. An NADH-dependent 3-hydroxypropionate dehydrogenase is thought to participate in beta-alanine biosynthesis pathways from propionate in bacteria and plants (Rathinasabapathi, B. *Journal of Plant Pathology* 159:671-674 (2002); Stadtman, E. R. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 77:5765-5766 (1955)). This enzyme has not been associated with a gene in any organism to date. NADPH-dependent malonate semialdehyde reductase catalyzes the reverse reaction in autotrophic CO₂-fixing bacteria. Although the enzyme activity has been detected in *Metallosphaera sedula*, the identity of the gene is not known (Alber et al. *J. Bacteriol.* 188:8551-8559 (2006)).

Ketone to Hydroxyl.

There exist several exemplary alcohol dehydrogenases that convert a ketone to a hydroxyl functional group. Two such enzymes from *E. coli* are encoded by malate dehydrogenase (mdh) and lactate dehydrogenase (ldh.A). In addition, lactate dehydrogenase from *Ralstonia eutropha* has been shown to demonstrate high activities on substrates of various chain lengths such as lactate, 2-oxobutyrate, 2-oxopentanoate and 2-oxoglutarate (Steinbuchel, A. and H. G. Schlegel *Eur. J. Biochem.* 130:329-334 (1983)). Conversion of alpha-

ketoadipate into alpha-hydroxyadipate can be catalyzed by 2-ketoadipate reductase, an enzyme reported to be found in rat and in human placenta (Suda et al. Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 176:610-620 (1976); Suda et al. Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. 77:586-591 (1977)). An additional candidate for this step is the mitochondrial 3-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase (bdh) from the human heart which has been cloned and characterized (Marks et al. J. Biol. Chem. 267:15459-15463 (1992)). This enzyme is a dehydrogenase that operates on a 3-hydroxyacid. Another exemplary alcohol dehydrogenase converts acetone to isopropanol as was shown in C. beijerinckii (Ismaiel et al. J. Bacteriol. 175: 5097-5105 (1993)) and T. brockii (Lamed et al. Biochem. J. 195:183-190 (1981); Peretz and Burstein Biochemistry 28:6549-6555 (1989)).

n	ndh	AAC76268.1	Escherichia coli
lo	dhA	NP_415898.1	Escherichia coli
lo	dh	YP_725182.1	Ralstonia eutropha
b	dh	AAA58352.1	Homo sapiens
a	dh	AAA23199.2	Clostridium beijerinckii NRRL B593
a	dh	P14941.1	Thermoanaerobacter brockii HTD4

Exemplary 3-hydroxyacyl dehydrogenases which convert 25 acetoacetyl-CoA to 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA include hbd from *C. acetobutylicum* (Boynton et al. *Journal of Bacteriology* 178:3015-3024 (1996)), hbd from *C. beijerinckii* (Colby et al. *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 58:3297-3302 (1992)), and a number of similar enzymes from *Metallosphaera sedula* (Berg et al. Archaea. Science. 318:1782-1786 (2007)).

NP_349314.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum Clostridium beijerinckii
YP_001191505	Metallosphaera sedula
YP_001190500	Metallosphaera sedula
YP_001190490	Metallosphaera sedula
YP_001192057	Metallosphaera sedula
	AAM14586.1 YP_001191505 YP_001190500 YP_001190490

#### 1.1.1.c—Oxidoredutase (2 Step, acyl-CoA to Alcohol)

Exemplary 2-step oxidoreductases that convert an acyl-CoA to alcohol include those that transform substrates such as acetyl-CoA to ethanol (for example, adhE from *E. coli* (Kessler et al. *FEBS. Lett.* 281:59-63 (1991)) and butyryl-CoA to butanol (for example, adhE2 from *C. acetobutylicum* (Fontaine et al. *J. Bacteriol.* 184:821-830 (2002)). In addition to reducing acetyl-CoA to ethanol, the enzyme encoded by adhE in *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* has been shown to oxide the branched chain compound isobutyraldehyde to 50 isobutyryl-CoA (Kazahaya et al. *J. Gen. Appl. Microbiol.* 18:43-55 (1972); Koo et al. Biotechnol Lett. 27:505-510 (2005)).

adhE	NP_415757.1	Escherichia coli
adhE2	AAK09379.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum
adhE	AAV66076.1	Leuconostoc mesenteroides

Another exemplary enzyme can convert malonyl-CoA to 60 3-HP. An NADPH-dependent enzyme with this activity has characterized in *Chloroflexus aurantiacus* where it participates in the 3-hydroxypropionate cycle (Hugler et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184:2404-2410 (2002); Strauss and Fuchs, *Eur. J. Biochem.* 215:633-643 (1993)). This enzyme, with a mass of 65 300 kDa, is highly substrate-specific and shows little sequence similarity to other known oxidoreductases (Hugler

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et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184:2404-2410 (2002)). No enzymes in other organisms have been shown to catalyze this specific reaction; however there is bioinformatic evidence that other organisms may have similar pathways (Klatt et al., *Environ. Microbiol.* 9:2067-2078 (2007)). Enzyme candidates in other organisms including *Roseiflexus castenholzii, Erythrobacter* sp. NAP1 and marine gamma proteobacterium HTCC2080 can be inferred by sequence similarity.

mcr Rcas_2929 NAP1_02720 MGP2080_00535	AAS20429.1 YP_001433009.1 ZP_01039179.1 ZP_01626393.1	Chloroflexus aurantiacus Roseiflexus castenholzii Erythrobacter sp. NAP1 marine gamma proteobacterium HTCC2080
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Longer chain acyl-CoA molecules can be reduced by enzymes such as the jojoba (*Simmondsia chinensis*) FAR which encodes an alcohol-forming fatty acyl-CoA reductase. Its overexpression in *E. coli* resulted in FAR activity and the accumulation of fatty alcohol (Metz et al. *Plant Physiology* 122:635-644) 2000)).

FAR	AAD38039.1	Simmondsia c	hinensis
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## 1.2.1.b—Oxidoreductase (acyl-CoA to Aldehyde)

Several acyl-CoA dehydrogenases are capable of reducing an acyl-CoA to its corresponding aldehyde. Exemplary genes that encode such enzymes include the Acinetobacter calcoaceticus acyl encoding a fatty acyl-CoA reductase (Reiser and Somerville, J. Bacteriology 179:2969-2975 (1997)), the Acinetobacter sp. M-1 fatty acyl-CoA reductase (Ishige et al. Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 68:1192-1195 35 (2002)), and a CoA- and NADP-dependent succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase encoded by the sucD gene in Clostridium kluyveri (Sohling and Gottschalk J Bacteriol 178:871-80 (1996); Sohling and Gottschalk J. Bacteriol. 178:871-880 (1996)). SucD of P. gingivalis is another suc-40 cinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase (Takahashi et al. J. Bacteriol. 182:4704-4710 (2000)). The enzyme acylating acetaldehyde dehydrogenase in Pseudomonas sp, encoded by bphG, is yet another as it has been demonstrated to oxidize and acylate acetaldehyde, propionaldehyde, butyraldehyde, isobutyraldehyde and formaldehyde (Powlowski et al. J Bacteriol. 175:377-385 (1993)).

acr1	YP_047869.1	Acinetobacter calcoaceticus
acr1	AAC45217	Acinetobacter baylyi
acr1	BAB85476.1	Acinetobacter sp. Strain M-1
sucD	P38947.1	Clostridium kluyveri
sucD	NP_904963.1	Porphyromonas gingivalis
sucD	NP_904963.1	Porphyromonas gingivalis
bphG	BAA03892.1	Pseudomonas sp

An additional enzyme type that converts an acyl-CoA to its corresponding aldehyde is malonyl-CoA reductase which transforms malonyl-CoA to malonic semialdehyde. Malonyl-CoA reductase is a key enzyme in autotrophic carbon fixation via the 3-hydroxypropionate cycle in thermoacidophilic archael bacteria (Berg et al. *Science* 318:1782-1786 (2007); Thauer, R. K. *Science* 318:1732-1733 (2007)). The enzyme utilizes NADPH as a cofactor and has been characterized in *Metallosphaera* and *Sulfolobus* spp (Alber et al. *J. Bacteriol.* 188:8551-8559 (2006); Hugler et al. *J. Bacteriol.* 184:2404-2410 (2002)). The enzyme is encoded by Msed_0709 in *Metallosphaera sedula* (Alber et al. *J. Bacteriol.* 188:8551-8559 (2006); Berg et al. *Science* 318:1782-

1786 (2007)). A gene encoding a malonyl-CoA reductase from *Sulfolobus tokodaii* was cloned and heterologously expressed in *E. coli* (Alber et al. *J. Bacteriol*. 188:8551-8559 (2006)). Although the aldehyde dehydrogenase functionality of these enzymes is similar to the bifunctional dehydrogenase from *Chloroflexus aurantiacus*, there is little sequence similarity. Both malonyl-CoA reductase enzyme candidates have high sequence similarity to aspartate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an enzyme catalyzing the reduction and concurrent dephosphorylation of aspartyl-4-phosphate to aspartate semialdehyde. Additional gene candidates can be found by sequence homology to proteins in other organisms including *Sulfolobus solfataricus* and *Sulfolobus acidocal-darius* 

Msed_0709	YP_001190808.1	Metallosphaera sedula
mer	NP_378167.1	Sulfolobus tokodaii
asd-2	NP_343563.1	Sulfolobus solfataricus
Saci 2370	YP 256941.1	Sulfolobus acidocaldarius

# 1.2.1.c—Oxidoreductase (2-oxo Acid to acyl-CoA, Decarboxylation)

Enzymes in this family include 1) branched-chain 2-ketoacid dehydrogenase, 2) alpha-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase, 25 and 3) the pyruvate dehydrogenase multienzyme complex (PDHC). These enzymes are multi-enzyme complexes that catalyze a series of partial reactions which result in acylating oxidative decarboxylation of 2-keto-acids. Each of the 2-keto-acid dehydrogenase complexes occupies key positions in intermediary metabolism, and enzyme activity is typically tightly regulated (Fries et al. Biochemistry 42:6996-7002 (2003)). The enzymes share a complex but common structure composed of multiple copies of three catalytic components: alpha-ketoacid decarboxylase (E1), 35 dihydrolipoamide acyltransferase (E2) and dihydrolipoamide dehydrogenase (E3). The E3 component is shared among all 2-keto-acid dehydrogenase complexes in an organism, while the E1 and E2 components are encoded by different genes. The enzyme components are present in numerous 40 copies in the complex and utilize multiple cofactors to catalyze a directed sequence of reactions via substrate channeling. The overall size of these dehydrogenase complexes is very large, with molecular masses between 4 and 10 million Da (that is, larger than a ribosome).

Activity of enzymes in the 2-keto-acid dehydrogenase family is normally low or limited under anaerobic conditions in E. coli. Increased production of NADH (or NADPH) could lead to a redox-imbalance, and NADH itself serves as an inhibitor to enzyme function. Engineering efforts have 50 increased the anaerobic activity of the E. coli pyruvate dehydrogenase complex (Kim et al. Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 73:1766-1771 (2007); Kim et al. J. Bacteriol. 190: 3851-3858) 2008); Zhou et al. Biotechnol. Lett. 30:335-342 (2008)). For example, the inhibitory effect of NADH can be 55 overcome by engineering an H322Y mutation in the E3 component (Kim et al. J. Bacteriol. 190:3851-3858 (2008)). Structural studies of individual components and how they work together in complex provide insight into the catalytic mechanisms and architecture of enzymes in this family 60 (Aevarsson et al. Nat. Struct. Biol. 6:785-792 (1999); Zhou et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 98:14802-14807 (2001)). The substrate specificity of the dehydrogenase complexes varies in different organisms, but generally branched-chain keto-acid dehydrogenases have the broadest substrate range. 65

Alpha-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase (AKGD) converts alpha-ketoglutarate to succinyl-CoA and is the primary site

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of control of metabolic flux through the TCA cycle (Hansford, R. G. Curr. Top. Bioenerg. 10:217-278 (1980)). Encoded by genes sucA, sucB and lpd in E. coli, AKGD gene expression is downregulated under anaerobic conditions and during growth on glucose (Park et al. Mol. Microbiol. 15:473-482 (1995)). Although the substrate range of AKGD is narrow, structural studies of the catalytic core of the E2 component pinpoint specific residues responsible for substrate specificity (Knapp et al. J. Mol. Biol. 280:655-668 (1998)). The Bacillus subtilis AKGD, encoded by odhAB (E1 and E2) and pdhD (E3, shared domain), is regulated at the transcriptional level and is dependent on the carbon source and growth phase of the organism (Resnekov et al. Mol. Gen. Genet. 234:285-296 (1992)). In yeast, the LPD1 gene encoding the E3 component is regulated at the transcriptional level by glucose (Roy and Dawes J. Gen. Microbiol. 133:925-933 (1987)). The E1 component, encoded by KGDJ, is also regulated by glucose and activated by the products of HAP2 and HAP3 (Repetto and Tzagoloff Mol. Cell Biol. 9:2695-2705 (1989)). The AKGD enzyme complex, inhibited by products NADH and succinyl-CoA, is well-studied in mammalian systems, as impaired function of has been linked to several neurological diseases (Tretter and dam-Vizi Philos. Trans. R. Soc. Lond B Biol. Sci. 360:2335-2345 (2005)).

า	sucA sucB lpd	NP_415254.1 NP_415255.1 NP 414658.1	Escherichia coli str. K12 substr. MG1655 Escherichia coli str. K12 substr. MG1655 Escherichia coli str. K12 substr. MG1655
,	odhA	P23129.2	Bacillus subtilis
	odhB	P16263.1	Bacillus subtilis
	pdhD	P21880.1	Bacillus subtilis
	KGD1	NP_012141.1	Saccharomyces cerevisiae
	KGD2	NP_010432.1	Saccharomyces cerevisiae
5	LPD1	NP_116635.1	Saccharomyces cerevisiae

Branched-chain 2-keto-acid dehydrogenase complex (BCKAD), also known as 2-oxoisovalerate dehydrogenase, participates in branched-chain amino acid degradation pathways, converting 2-keto acids derivatives of valine, leucine and isoleucine to their acyl-CoA derivatives and CO₂. The complex has been studied in many organisms including Bacillus subtilis (Wang et al. Eur. J. Biochem. 213:1091-1099 (1993)), Rattus norvegicus (Namba et al. J. Biol. Chem. 244:4437-4447 (1969)) and Pseudomonas putida (Sokatch J. Bacteriol. 148:647-652 (1981)). In Bacillus subtilis the enzyme is encoded by genes pdhD (E3 component), bfmBB (E2 component), bfmBAA and bfmBAB (E1 component) (Wang et al. Eur. J. Biochem. 213:1091-1099 (1993)). In mammals, the complex is regulated by phosphorylation by specific phosphatases and protein kinases. The complex has been studied in rat hepatocites (Chicco et al. J. Biol. Chem. 269:19427-19434 (1994)) and is encoded by genes Bckdha (E1 alpha), Bckdhb (E1 beta), Dbt (E2), and Dld (E3). The E1 and E3 components of the Pseudomonas putida BCKAD complex have been crystallized (Aevarsson et al. Nat. Struct. Biol. 6:785-792 (1999); Mattevi Science 255:1544-1550 (1992)) and the enzyme complex has been studied (Sokatch et al. J. Bacteriol. 148:647-652 (1981)). Transcription of the P. putida BCKAD genes is activated by the gene product of bkdR (Hester et al. Eur. J. Biochem. 233:828-836 (1995)). In some organisms including *Rattus* norvegicus (Paxton et al. Biochem. J. 234:295-303 (1986)) and Saccharomyces cerevisiae (Sinclair et al. Biochem. Mol. Biol. Int. 31:911-922 (1993)), this complex has been shown to have a broad substrate range that includes linear oxo-acids such as 2-oxobutanoate and alpha-ketoglutarate, in addition

to the branched-chain amino acid precursors. The active site of the bovine BCKAD was engineered to favor alternate substrate acetyl-CoA (Meng and Chuang, *Biochemistry* 33:12879-12885 (1994)).

bfm	BB	NP_390283.1	Bacillus subtilis
bfm	BAA	NP_390285.1	Bacillus subtilis
bfm	BAB	NP_390284.1	Bacillus subtilis
pdh	D	P21880.1	Bacillus subtilis
lpdV	V	P09063.1	Pseudomonas putida
bkd	В	P09062.1	Pseudomonas putida
bkd	A1	NP_746515.1	Pseudomonas putida
bkd	A2	NP_746516.1	Pseudomonas putida
Bck	dha	NP_036914.1	Rattus norvegicus
Bck	dhb	NP_062140.1	Rattus norvegicus
Dbt		NP_445764.1	Rattus norvegicus
Dld		NP_955417.1	Rattus norvegicus

The pyruvate dehydrogenase complex, catalyzing the conversion of pyruvate to acetyl-CoA, has also been extensively studied. In the E. coli enzyme, specific residues in the 20 E1 component are responsible for substrate specificity (Bisswanger, H. J Biol. Chem. 256:815-822 (1981); Bremer, J. Eur. J Biochem. 8:535-540 (1969); Gong et al. J Biol. Chem. 275:13645-13653 (2000)). As mentioned previously, enzyme engineering efforts have improved the E. coli PDH enzyme activity under anaerobic conditions (Kim et al. Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 73:1766-1771 (2007); Kim J. Bacteriol. 190:3851-3858 (2008); Zhou et al. Biotechnol. Lett. 30:335-342 (2008)). In contrast to the E. coli PDH, the B. subtilis complex is active and required for growth under anaerobic conditions (Nakano J. Bacteriol. 179:6749-6755 (1997)). The Klebsiella pneumoniae PDH, characterized during growth on glycerol, is also active under anaerobic conditions (Menzel et al. J. Biotechnol. 56:135-142 (1997)). Crystal structures of the enzyme complex from bovine kidney (Zhou et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 98:14802-14807 (2001)) and the E2 catalytic domain from Azotobacter vinelandii are available (Mattevi et al. Science 255:1544-1550 (1992)). Some mammalian PDH enzymes complexes can react on alternate substrates such as 2-oxobutanoate, although comparative kinetics of Rattus norvegicus PDH and BCKAD indicate that BCKAD has higher activity on 2-oxobutanoate as a substrate (Paxton et al. Biochem. J. 234:295-303 (1986)).

aceE	NP_414656.1	Escherichia coli str. K12 substr. MG1655
aceF	NP_414657.1	Escherichia coli str. K12 substr. MG1655
lpd	NP_414658.1	Escherichia coli str. K12 substr. MG1655
pdhA	P21881.1	Bacillus subtilis
pdhB	P21882.1	Bacillus subtilis
pdhC	P21883.2	Bacillus subtilis
pdhD	P21880.1	Bacillus subtilis
aceE	YP_001333808.1	Klebsiella pneumonia MGH78578
aceF	YP_001333809.1	Klebsiella pneumonia MGH78578
lpdA	YP_001333810.1	Klebsiella pneumonia MGH78578
Pdha1	NP_001004072.2	Rattus norvegicus
Pdha2	NP_446446.1	Rattus norvegicus
Dlat	NP_112287.1	Rattus norvegicus
Dld	NP_955417.1	Rattus norvegicus

As an alternative to the large multienzyme 2-keto-acid 60 dehydrogenase complexes described above, some anaerobic organisms utilize enzymes in the 2-ketoacid oxidoreductase family (OFOR) to catalyze acylating oxidative decarboxylation of 2-keto-acids. Unlike the dehydrogenase complexes, these enzymes contain iron-sulfur clusters, utilize different 65 cofactors, and use ferredoxin or flavodixin as electron acceptors in lieu of NAD(P)H. While most enzymes in this family

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are specific to pyruvate as a substrate (POR) some 2-ketoacid:ferredoxin oxidoreductases have been shown to accept a broad range of 2-ketoacids as substrates including alphaketoglutarate and 2-oxobutanoate (Fukuda and Wakagi Biochim. Biophys. Acta 1597:74-80 (2002); Zhang et al. J. Biochem. 120:587-599 (1996)). One such enzyme is the OFOR from the thermoacidophilic archaeon Sulfolobus tokodaii 7, which contains an alpha and beta subunit encoded by gene ST2300 (Fukuda and Wakagi Biochim. Biophys. Acta 1597:74-80 (2002); Zhang et al. J. Biochem. 120:587-599 (1996)). A plasmid-based expression system has been developed for efficiently expressing this protein in E. coli (Fukuda et al. Eur. J. Biochem. 268:5639-5646 (2001)) and residues involved in substrate specificity were 15 determined (Fukuda and Wakagi Biochim. Biophys. Acta 1597:74-80 (2002)). Two OFORs from Aeropyrum pernix str. K1 have also been recently cloned into E. coli, characterized, and found to react with a broad range of 2-oxoacids (Nishizawa et al. FEBS Lett. 579:2319-2322 (2005)). The gene sequences of these OFOR candidates are available, although they do not have GenBank identifiers assigned to date. There is bioinformatic evidence that similar enzymes are present in all archaea, some anaerobic bacteria and amitochondrial eukarya (Fukuda and Wakagi Biochim. Biophys. Acta 1597:74-80 (2005)). This class of enzyme is also interesting from an energetic standpoint, as reduced ferredoxin could be used to generate NADH by ferredoxin-NAD reductase (Petitdemange et al. Biochim. Biophys. Acta 421: 334-337 (1976)). Also, since most of the enzymes are designed to operate under anaerobic conditions, less enzyme engineering may be required relative to enzymes in the 2-keto-acid dehydrogenase complex family for activity in an anaerobic environment.

ST2300 NP_378302.1 Sulfolobus tokodaii	7
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1.2.1.d—Oxidoreductase (Phosphorylating/Dephosphorylating)

Exemplary enzymes in this class include glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase which converts glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate into D-glycerate 1,3-bisphosphate (for example, *E. coli* gapA (Branlant and Branlant *Eur. J. Biochem.* 150:61-66 (1985)), aspartate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase which converts L-aspartate-4-semialdehyde into L-4-aspartyl-phosphate (for example, *E. coli* asd (Biellmann et al. *Eur. J. Biochem.* 104:53-58 (1980)), N-acetyl-gamma-glutamyl-phosphate reductase which converts N-acetyl-L-glutamate-5-semialdehyde into N-acetyl-L-glutamyl-5-phosphate (for example, *E. coli* argC (Parsot et al. Gene 68:275-283 (1988)), and glutamate-5-semialdehyde dehydrogenase which converts L-glutamate-5-semialdehyde into L-glutamyl-5-phospate (for example, *E. coli* proA (Smith et al. *J. Bacteriol.* 157:545-551 (1984)).

gapA	P0A9B2.2	Escherichia coli	
asd	NP_417891.1	Escherichia coli	
argC	NP_418393.1	Escherichia coli	
proA	NP_414778.1	Escherichia coli	

1.3.1.a—Oxidoreductase Operating on CH—CH Donors

An exemplary enoyl-CoA reductase is the gene product of bcd from *C. acetobutylicum* (Atsumi et al. *Metab Eng* (2007); Boynton et al. *Journal of Bacteriology* 178:3015-3024 (1996), which naturally catalyzes the reduction of crotonyl-CoA to butyryl-CoA. Activity of this enzyme can

be enhanced by expressing bcd in conjunction with expression of the C. acetobutylicum etfAB genes, which encode an electron transfer flavoprotein. An additional candidate for the enoyl-CoA reductase step is the mitochondrial enoyl-CoA reductase from E. gracilis (Hoffmeister et al. Journal of Biological Chemistry 280:4329-4338 (2005)). A construct derived from this sequence following the removal of its mitochondrial targeting leader sequence was cloned in E. coli resulting in an active enzyme (Hoffmeister et al., supra, (2005)). This approach is well known to those skilled in the art of expressing eukarytotic genes, particularly those with leader sequences that may target the gene product to a specific intracellular compartment, in prokaryotic organisms. A close homolog of this gene, TDE0597, from the prokaryote Treponema denticola represents a third enoyl-CoA reductase which has been cloned and expressed in E. coli (Tucci and Martin FEBS Letters 581:1561-1566 (2007)).

bcd	NP_349317.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum
etfA	NP_349315.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum
etfB	NP_349316.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum
TER	Q5EU90.1	Euglena gracilis
TDE0597	NP_971211.1	Treponema denticola

Exemplary 2-enoate reductase (EC 1.3.1.31) enzymes are known to catalyze the NADH-dependent reduction of a wide variety of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carboxylic acids and aldehydes (Rohdich et al. J. Biol. Chem. 276:5779-5787 (2001)). 2-Enoate reductase is encoded by enr in several species of Clostridia (Giesel and Simon Arch Microbiol. 135(1): p. 51-57 (2001) including C. tyrobutyricum, and C. thermoaceticum (now called Moorella thermoaceticum) (Rohdich et al., supra, (2001)). In the recently published genome sequence of C. kluyveri, 9 coding sequences for enoate reductases have been reported, out of which one has been characterized (Seedorf et al. Proc Natl Acad Sci U.S.A. 105(6):2128-33 (2008)). The enr genes from both C. tyrobutyricum and C. thermoaceticum have been cloned and sequenced and show 59% identity to each other. The former gene is also found to have approximately 75% similarity to the characterized gene in C. kluyveri (Giesel and Simon Arch Microbiol 135(1):51-57 (1983)). It has been reported based on these sequence results that enr is very similar to the 45 dienoyl CoA reductase in E. coli (fadH) (163 Rohdich et al., supra (2001)). The C. thermoaceticum enr gene has also been expressed in an enzymatically active form in E. coli (163 Rohdich et al., supra (2001)).

fadH	NP_417552.1	Escherichia coli
enr	ACA54153.1	Clostridium botulinum A3 str
enr	CAA71086.1	Clostridium tyrobutyricum
enr	CAA76083.1	Clostridium kluyveri
enr	YP_430895.1	Moorella thermoacetica

#### 1.4.1.a—Oxidoreductase Operating on Amino Acids

Most oxidoreductases operating on amino acids catalyze the oxidative deamination of alpha-amino acids with NAD+ or NADP+ as acceptor. Exemplary oxidoreductases operating on amino acids include glutamate dehydrogenase (deaminating), encoded by gdhA, leucine dehydrogenase (deaminating), encoded by ldh, and aspartate dehydrogenase (deaminating), encoded by nadX. The gdhA gene product from *Escherichia coli* (Korber et al. *J. Mol. Biol.* 234:1270-61273 (1993); McPherson and Wootton *Nucleic. Acids Res.* 11:5257-5266 (1983)), gdh from *Thermotoga maritima* 

(Kort et al. *Extremophiles* 1:52-60 (1997); Lebbink, et al. *J. Mol. Biol.* 280:287-296 (1998)); Lebbink et al. *J. Mol. Biol.* 289:357-369 (1999)), and gdhA1 from *Halobacterium salinarum* (Ingoldsby et al. *Gene* 349:237-244 (2005)) catalyze the reversible interconversion of glutamate to 2-oxoglutarate and ammonia, while favoring NADP(H), NAD(H), or both, respectively. The ldh gene of *Bacillus cereus* encodes the LeuDH protein that has a wide of range of substrates including leucine, isoleucine, valine, and 2-aminobutanoate (Ansorge and Kula *Biotechnol Bioeng.* 68:557-562 (2000); Stoyan et al. *J. Biotechnol* 54:77-80 (1997)). The nadX gene from *Thermotoga maritime* encoding for the aspartate dehydrogenase is involved in the biosynthesis of NAD (Yang et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* 278:8804-8808 (2003)).

gdhA P00370 Escherichia coli gdh P96110.4 Thermotoga maritima gdhA1 NP_279651.1 Halobacterium salinarum ldh P0A393 Bacillus cereus nadX NP_229443.1 Thermotoga maritima	gdh gdhA1 ldh
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The lysine 6-dehydrogenase (deaminating), encoded by lysDH gene, catalyze the oxidative deamination of the €-amino group of L-lysine to form 2-aminoadipate-6-semi-aldehyde, which in turn nonenzymatically cyclizes to form ∆1-piperideine-6-carboxylate (Misono and Nagasaki *J. Bacteriol.* 150:398-401 (1982)). The lysDH gene from *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* encodes a thermophilic NAD-dependent lysine 6-dehydrogenase (Heydari et al. *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 70:937-942 (2004)). In addition, the lysDH gene from *Aeropyrum pernix* K1 is identified through homology from genome projects.

lysDH	AB052732	Geobacillus stearothermophilus
lysDH	NP_147035.1	Aeropyrum pernix K1
ldh	P0A393	Bacillus cereus

#### 2.3.1.a—Acyltransferase (Transferring Phosphate Group)

Exemplary phosphate transferring acyltransferases include phosphotransacetylase, encoded by pta, and phosphotransbutyrylase, encoded by ptb. The pta gene from E. coli encodes an enzyme that can convert acetyl-CoA into acetyl-phosphate, and vice versa (Suzuki, T. Biochim. Biophys. Acta 191:559-569 (1969)). This enzyme can also utilize propionyl-CoA instead of acetyl-CoA forming propionate in the process (Hesslinger et al. Mol. Microbiol 27:477-492 (1998)). Similarly, the ptb gene from C. acetobutylicum encodes an enzyme that can convert butyryl-CoA into butyryl-phosphate (Walter et al. Gene 134(1): p. 107-11 (1993)); Huang et al. J Mol Microbiol Biotechnol 2(1): p. 33-38 (2000). Additional ptb genes can be found in butyrateproducing bacterium L2-50 (Louis et al. J. Bacteriol. 186: 2099-2106 (2004)) and Bacillus megaterium (Vazquez et al. Curr. Microbiol 42:345-349 (2001)).

50	pta	NP_416800.1	Escherichia coli
	ptb	NP_349676	Clostridium acetobutylicum
	ptb	AAR19757.1	butyrate-producing bacterium L2-50
	ptb	CAC07932.1	Bacillus megaterium

#### 2.6.1.a—Aminotransferase

Aspartate aminotransferase transfers an amino group from aspartate to alpha-ketoglutarate, forming glutamate and oxaloacetate. This conversion is catalyzed by, for example, the gene products of aspC from *Escherichia coli* 

(Yagi et al. FEBS Lett. 100:81-84 (1979); Yagi et al. Methods Enzymol. 113:83-89 (1985)), AAT2 from Saccharomyces cerevisiae (Yagi et al. J Biochem. 92:35-43 (1982)) and ASPS from Arabidopsis thaliana (48, 108, 225 48. de la et al. Plant J 46:414-425 (2006); Kwok and Hanson J Exp. Bot. 5 55:595-604 (2004); Wilkie and Warren Protein Expr. Purif. 12:381-389 (1998)). Valine aminotransferase catalyzes the conversion of valine and pyruvate to 2-ketoisovalerate and alanine. The E. coli gene, avtA, encodes one such enzyme (Whalen and Berg J. Bacteriol. 150:739-746 (1982)). This 10 gene product also catalyzes the amination of  $\alpha$ -ketobutyrate to generate α-aminobutyrate, although the amine donor in this reaction has not been identified (Whalen and Berg J. Bacteriol. 158:571-574 (1984)). The gene product of the E. coli serC catalyzes two reactions, phosphoserine amino- 15 transferase and phosphohydroxythreonine aminotransferase (Lam and Winkler J. Bacteriol. 172:6518-6528 (1990)), and activity on non-phosphorylated substrates could not be detected (Drewke et al. FEBS. Lett. 390:179-182 (1996)).

aspC	NP_415448.1	Escherichia coli
AAT2	P23542.3	Saccharomyces cerevisiae
ASP5	P46248.2	Arabidopsis thaliana
avtA	YP_026231.1	Escherichia coli
serC	NP_415427.1	Escherichia coli

Cargill has developed a beta-alanine/alpha-ketoglutarate aminotransferase for producing 3-HP from beta-alanine via malonyl-semialdehyde (PCT/US2007/076252 (Jessen et al)). The gene product of SkPYD4 in Saccharomyces kluyveri was also shown to preferentially use beta-alanine as the amino group donor (Andersen et al. FEBS. J. 274:1804-1817 (2007)). SkUGA1 encodes a homologue of Saccharomyces cerevisiae GABA aminotransferase, UGA1 (Ramos et al. Eur. J. Biochem. 149:401-404 (1985)), whereas SkPYD4 encodes an enzyme involved in both β-alanine and GABA transamination (Andersen et al. FEBS. J. 274:1804-1817 (2007)). 3-Amino-2-methylpropionate transaminase catalyzes the transformation from methylmalonate semialdehyde to 3-amino-2-methylpropionate. The enzyme has been characterized in Rattus norvegicus and Sus scrofa and is encoded by Abat (Kakimoto et al. Biochim. Biophys. Acta 156:374-380 (1968); Tamaki et al. Methods Enzymol. 324: 376-389 (2000)). Enzyme candidates in other organisms with high sequence homology to 3-amino-2-methylpropionate transaminase include Gta-1 in C. elegans and gabT in Bacillus subtilus. Additionally, one of the native GABA aminotransferases in E. coli, encoded by gene gabT, has been shown to have broad substrate specificity (Liu et al. Biochemistry 43:10896-10905 (2004); Schulz et al. Appl Environ Microbiol 56:1-6 (1990)). The gene product of puuE catalyzes the other 4-aminobutyrate transaminase in E. coli (Kurihara et al. J. Biol. Chem. 280:4602-4608 (2005).).

SkyPYD4	ABF58893.1	Saccharomyces kluyveri
SkUGA1	ABF58894.1	Saccharomyces kluyveri
UGA1	NP_011533.1	Saccharomyces cerevisiae
Abat	P50554.3	Rattus norvegicus
Abat	P80147.2	Sus scrofa
Gta-1	Q21217.1	Caenorhabditis elegans
gabT	P94427.1	Bacillus subtilus
gabT	P22256.1	Escherichia coli K12
puuE	NP_415818.1	Escherichia coli K12

The X-ray crystal structures of *E. coli* 4-aminobutyrate 65 transaminase unbound and bound to the inhibitor were reported (Liu et al. *Biochemistry* 43:10896-10905 (2004)).

The substrates binding and substrate specificities were studied and suggested. The roles of active site residues were studied by site-directed mutagenesis and X-ray crystallography (Liu et al. *Biochemistry* 44:2982-2992 (2005)). Based on the structural information, attempt was made to engineer *E. coli* 4-aminobutyrate transaminase with novel enzymatic activity. These studies provide a base for evolving transaminase activity for BDO pathways.

2.7.2.a—Phosphotransferase, Carboxyl Group Acceptor

Exemplary kinases include the *E. coli* acetate kinase, encoded by ackA (Skarstedt and Silverstein *J. Biol. Chem.* 251:6775-6783 (1976)), the *C. acetobutylicum* butyrate kinases, encoded by buk1 and buk2 (Walter et al. *Gene* 134(1):107-111 (1993) (Huang et al. *J Mol Microbiol Biotechnol* 2(1):33-38 (2000)], and the *E. coli* gamma-glutamyl kinase, encoded by proB (Smith et al. *J. Bacteriol.* 157:545-551 (1984)). These enzymes phosphorylate acetate, butyrate, and glutamate, respectively. The ackA gene product from *E. coli* also phosphorylates propionate (Hesslinger et al. *Mol. Microbiol* 27:477-492 (1998)).

ackA	NP_416799.1	Escherichia coli	
buk1	NP_349675	Clostridium acetobutylicum	
buk2	Q97II1	Clostridium acetobutylicum	
proB	NP_414777.1	Escherichia coli	

#### 2.8.3.a—Coenzyme-A Transferase

In the CoA-transferase family, E. coli enzyme acyl-CoA: acetate-CoA transferase, also known as acetate-CoA transferase (EC 2.8.3.8), has been shown to transfer the CoA moiety to acetate from a variety of branched and linear acyl-CoA substrates, including isobutyrate (Matthies and Schink Appl Environ Microbiol 58:1435-1439 (1992)), valerate (Vanderwinkel et al. Biochem. Biophys. Res Commun. 33:902-908 (1968)) and butanoate (Vanderwinkel, supra (1968)). This enzyme is encoded by atoA (alpha subunit) and atoD (beta subunit) in E. coli sp. K12 (Korolev et al. Acta Crystallogr. D Biol Crystallogr. 58:2116-2121 (2002); Vanderwinkel, supra (1968)) and actA and cg0592 in Corynebacterium glutamicum ATCC 13032 (Duncan et al. Appl Environ Microbiol 68:5186-5190 (2002)). Additional genes found by sequence homology include atoD and atoA in Escherichia coli UT189.

atoA	P76459.1	Escherichia coli K12
atoD	P76458.1	Escherichia coli K12
actA	YP_226809.1	Corynebacterium glutamicum ATCC 13032
cg0592	YP_224801.1	Corynebacterium glutamicum ATCC 13032
ato A	ABE07971.1	Escherichia coli UT189
atoD	ABE07970.1	Escherichia coli UT189

Similar transformations are catalyzed by the gene products of cat1, cat2, and cat3 of *Clostridium* kluyveri which have been shown to exhibit succinyl-CoA, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA, and butyryl-CoA acetyltransferase activity, respectively (Seedorf et al. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U.S.A.* 105(6):2128-2133 (2008); Sohling and Gottschalk *J Bacteriol* 178(3):871-880 (1996)].

cat1	P38946.1	Clostridium kluyveri
cat2	P38942.2	Clostridium kluyveri
cat3	EDK35586.1	Clostridium kluyveri

The glutaconate-CoA-transferase (EC 2.8.3.12) enzyme from anaerobic bacterium *Acidaminococcus fermentans* reacts with diacid glutaconyl-CoA and 3-butenoyl-CoA (Mack and Buckel *FEES Lett.* 405:209-212 (1997)). The genes encoding this enzyme are gctA and gctB. This enzyme 5 has reduced but detectable activity with other CoA derivatives including glutaryl-CoA, 2-hydroxyglutaryl-CoA, adipyl-CoA and acrylyl-CoA (Buckel et al. *Eur. J. Biochem.* 118:315-321 (1981)). The enzyme has been cloned and expressed in *E. coli* (Mac et al. *Eur. J. Biochem.* 226:41-51 10 (1994)).

gctA	CAA57199.1	Acidaminococcus fermentans
gctB	CAA57200.1	Acidaminococcus fermentans

#### 3.1.2.a—Thiolester Hydrolase (CoA Specific)

In the CoA hydrolase family, the enzyme 3-hydroxyisobutyryl-CoA hydrolase is specific for 3-HIBCoA and has been described to efficiently catalyze the desired transformation 20 during valine degradation (Shimomura et al. *J Biol Chem* 269:14248-14253 (1994)). Genes encoding this enzyme include hibch of *Rattus norvegicus* (Shimomura et al., supra (1994); Shimomura et al. *Methods Enzymol.* 324:229-240 (2000) and *Homo sapiens* (Shimomura et al., supra, 2000). 25 Candidate genes by sequence homology include hibch of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and BC 2292 of *Bacillus cereus*.

hibch	Q5XIE6.2	Rattus norvegicus
hibch	Q6NVY1.2	Homo sapiens
hibch	P28817.2	Saccharomyces cerevisiae
BC_2292	Q81DR3	Bacillus cereus

The conversion of adipyl-CoA to adipate can be carried out by an acyl-CoA hydrolase or equivalently a thioesterase. The top *E. coli* gene candidate is tesB (Naggert et al. *J Biol. Chem.* 266(17):11044-11050 (1991)] which shows high similarity to the human acot8 which is a dicarboxylic acid acetyltransferase with activity on adipyl-CoA (Westin et al. *J Biol Chem* 280(46): 38125-38132 (2005). This activity has also been characterized in the rat liver (Deana, *Biochem Int.* 26(4): p. 767-773 (1992)).

tesB	NP_414986	Escherichia coli
acot8	CAA15502	Homo sapiens
acot8	NP_570112	Rattus norvegicus

Other potential *E. coli* thiolester hydrolases include the gene products of tesA (Bonner and Bloch, *J Biol. Chem.* 247(10):3123-3133 (1972)), ybgC (Kuznetsova et al., *FEMS Microbiol Rev.* 29(2):263-279 (2005); Zhuang et al., *FEBS Lett.* 516(1-3):161-163 (2002)) paal (Song et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 281(16):11028-11038 (2006)), and ybdB (Leduc et al., *J Bacteriol.* 189(19):7112-7126 (2007)).

tesA	NP_415027	Escherichia coli	
ybgC	NP_415264	Escherichia coli	
paaI	NP_415914	Escherichia coli	
ybdB	NP_415129	Escherichia coli	

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Several eukaryotic acetyl-CoA hydrolases (EC 3.1.2.1) have broad substrate specificity. The enzyme from *Rattus norvegicus* brain (Robinson et al. *Biochem. Biophys. Res.* 65 *Commun.* 71:959-965 (1976)) can react with butyryl-CoA, hexanoyl-CoA and malonyl-CoA.

cot12	NTD	570103.1	Rattus norve

#### 4.1.1.a—Carboxy-Lyase

An exemplary carboxy-lyase is acetolactate decarboxylase which participates in citrate catabolism and branchedchain amino acid biosynthesis, converting 2-acetolactate to acetoin. In Lactococcus lactis the enzyme is composed of six subunits, encoded by gene aldB, and is activated by valine, leucine and isoleucine (Goupil et al. Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 62:2636-2640 (1996); Goupil-Feuillerat et al. J. Bacteriol. 182:5399-5408 (2000)). This enzyme has been overexpressed and characterized in E. coli (Phalip et al. FEBS Lett. 351:95-99 (1994)). In other organisms the enzyme is a dimer, encoded by aldC in Streptococcus thermophilus (Monnet et al. Lett. Appl. Microbiol. 36:399-405 (2003)), aldB in Bacillus brevis (Diderichsen et al. J. Bacteriol. 172:4315-4321 (1990); Najmudin et al. Acta Crystallogr. D. Biol. Crystallogr. 59:1073-1075 (2003)) and budA from Enterobacter aerogenes (Diderichsen et al. J. Bacteriol. 172:4315-4321 (1990)). The enzyme from Bacillus brevis was cloned and overexpressed in Bacillus subtilis and characterized crystallographically (Najmudin et al. Acta Crystallogr. D. Biol. Crystallogr. 59:1073-1075 (2003)). Additionally, the enzyme from Leuconostoc lactis has been purified and characterized but the gene has not been isolated (O'Sullivan et al. FEMS Microbiol. Lett. 194:245-249 (2001)).

a	ldB	NP_267384.1	Lactococcus lactis
a	ldC	Q8L208	Streptococcus thermophilus
a	ldB	P23616.1	Bacillus brevis
b	udA	P05361.1	Enterobacter aerogenes
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Aconitate decarboxylase catalyzes the final step in itaconate biosynthesis in a strain of *Candida* and also in the filamentous fungus *Aspergillus terreus* (Bonnarme et al. *J Bacteriol*. 177:3573-3578 (1995); Willke and Vorlop *Appl Microbiol Biotechnol* 56:289-295 (2001)). Although itaconate is a compound of biotechnological interest, the aconitate decarboxylase gene or protein sequence has not been reported to date.

4-oxalocronate decarboxylase has been isolated from numerous organisms and characterized. Genes encoding this enzyme include dmpH and dmpE in *Pseudomonas* sp. (strain 600) (Shingler et al. *J. Bacteriol.* 174:711-724 (1992)), xylII and xylIII from *Pseudomonas putida* (Kato and Asano *Arch. Microbiol* 168:457-463 (1997); Lian and Whitman *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 116:10403-10411 (1994); Stanley et al. *Biochemistry* 39:3514 (2000)) and Reut_B5691 and Reut_B5692 from *Ralstonia eutropha* JMP134 (Hughes et al. *J. Bacteriol.* 158:79-83 (1984)). The genes encoding the enzyme from *Pseudomonas* sp. (strain 600) have been cloned and expressed in *E. coli* (Shingler et al. *J. Bacteriol.* 174:711-724 (1992)).

dmpH	CAA43228.1	Pseudomonas sp. CF600
dmpE	CAA43225.1	Pseudomonas sp. CF600
xylII	YP_709328.1	Pseudomonas putida
xylIII	YP_709353.1	Pseudomonas putida
Reut_B5691	YP_299880.1	Ralstonia eutropha JMP134
Reut_B5692	YP_299881.1	Ralstonia eutropha JMP134

An additional class of decarboxylases has been characterized that catalyze the conversion of cinnamate (pheny-

lacrylate) and substituted cinnamate derivatives to the corresponding styrene derivatives. These enzymes are common in a variety of organisms and specific genes encoding these enzymes that have been cloned and expressed in E. coli are: pad 1 from Saccharomyces cerevisae (Clausen et al. Gene 5 142:107-112 (1994)), pdc from Lactobacillus plantarum (Barthelmebs et al. Appl Environ Microbiol 67:1063-1069 (2001); Qi et al. Metab Eng 9:268-276 (2007); Rodriguez et al. J. Agric. Food Chem. 56:3068-3072 (2008)), pofK (pad) from Klebsiella oxytoca (Hashidoko et al. Biosci. Biotech. 10 Biochem. 58:217-218 (1994); Uchiyama et al. Biosci. Biotechnol. Biochem. 72:116-123 (2008)), Pedicoccus pentosaceus (Barthelmebs et al. Appl Environ Microbiol 67:1063-1069 (2001)), and padC from Bacillus subtilis and Bacillus pumilus (Lingen et al. Protein Eng 15:585-593 (2002)). A 15 ferulic acid decarboxylase from Pseudomonas fluorescens also has been purified and characterized (Huang et al. J. Bacteriol. 176:5912-5918 (1994)). Importantly, this class of enzymes have been shown to be stable and do not require either exogenous or internally bound co-factors, thus mak- 20 ing these enzymes ideally suitable for biotransformations (Sariaslani, Annu. Rev. Microbiol. 61:51-69 (2007)).

pad1	AB368798	Saccharomyces cerevisae
pdc	U63827	Lactobacillus plantarum
pofK (pad)	AB330293	Klebsiella oxytoca
padC	AF017117	Bacillus subtilis
pad	AJ276891	Pedicoccus pentosaceus
pad	AJ278683	Bacillus pumilus

Additional decarboxylase enzymes can form succinic semialdehyde from alpha-ketoglutarate. These include the alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase enzymes from *Euglena gracilis* (Shigeoka et al. *Biochem. J.* 282(Pt 2):319-323 (1992); Shigeoka and Nakano *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 35 288:22-28 (1991); Shigeoka and Nakano *Biochem. J.* 292 (Pt 2):463-467 (1993)), whose corresponding gene sequence has yet to be determined, and from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Tian et al. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U.S.A.* 102:10670-10675 (2005)). In addition, glutamate decarboxylase enzymes can convert glutamate into 4-aminobutyrate such as the products of the *E. coli* gadA and gadB genes (De Biase et al. *Protein. Expr. Purif.* 8:430-438 (1993)).

kgd	O50463.4	Mycobacterium tuberculosis
gadA	NP_417974	Escherichia coli
gadB	NP_416010	Escherichia coli

#### Keto-Acid Decarboxylases

Pyruvate decarboxylase (PDC, EC 4.1.1.1), also termed keto-acid decarboxylase, is a key enzyme in alcoholic fermentation, catalyzing the decarboxylation of pyruvate to acetaldehyde. This enzyme has a broad substrate range for aliphatic 2-keto acids including 2-ketobutyrate, 2-ketoval- 55 erate, 3-hydroxypyruvate and 2-phenylpyruvate (Berg et al. Science 318:1782-1786 (2007)). The PDC from Zymomonas mobilus, encoded by pdc, has been a subject of directed engineering studies that altered the affinity for different substrates (Siegert et al. Protein Eng Des Sel 18:345-357 60 (2005)). The PDC from Saccharomyces cerevisiae has also been extensively studied, engineered for altered activity, and functionally expressed in E. coli (Killenberg-Jabs et al. Eur. J. Biochem. 268:1698-1704 (2001); L1 and Jordan Biochemistry 38:10004-10012 (1999); ter Schure et al. Appl. Envi- 65 ron. Microbiol. 64:1303-1307 (1998)). The crystal structure of this enzyme is available (Killenberg-Jabs Eur. J. Biochem.

268:1698-1704 (2001)). Other well-characterized PDC candidates include the enzymes from *Acetobacter* pasteurians (Chandra et al. *Arch. Microbiol.* 176:443-451 (2001)) and *Kluyveromyces lactis* (Krieger et al. *Eur. J. Biochem.* 269: 3256-3263 (2002)).

	Gene	GenBank ID	Organism
)	pdc	P06672.1	Zymomonas mobilus
	pdc1	P06169	Saccharomyces cerevisiae
	pdc	Q8L388	Acetobacter pasteurians
	pdc1	Q12629	Kluyveromyces lactis

Like PDC, benzoylformate decarboxylase (EC 4.1.1.7) has a broad substrate range and has been the target of enzyme engineering studies. The enzyme from Pseudomonas putida has been extensively studied and crystal structures of this enzyme are available (Hasson et al. Biochemistry 37:9918-9930 (1998); Polovnikova et al. Biochemistry 42:1820-1830 (2003)). Site-directed mutagenesis of two residues in the active site of the Pseudomonas putida enzyme altered the affinity (Km) of naturally and nonnaturally occurring substrates (Siegert Protein Eng Des Sel 18:345-357 (2005)). The properties of this enzyme have been further modified by directed engineering (Lingen et al. Protein Eng 15:585-593 (2002)); Lingen Chembiochem 4:721-726 (2003)). The enzyme from Pseudomonas aeruginosa, encoded by mdlC, has also been characterized experimentally (Barrowman et al. FEMS Microbiology Letters 34:57-60 (1986)). Additional gene candidates from Pseudomonas stutzeri, Pseudomonas fluorescens and other organisms can be inferred by sequence homology or identified using a growth selection system developed in Pseudomonas putida (Henning et al. Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 72:7510-7517 (2006)).

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	mdlC	P20906.2	Pseudomonas putida	
	mdlC	Q9HUR2.1	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	
0	dpgB	ABN80423.1	Pseudomonas stutzeri	
_	ilvB-1	YP_260581.1	Pseudomonas fluorescens	

#### 4.2.1.a—Hydro-Lyase

The 2-(hydroxymethyl)glutarate dehydratase of *Eubacte-rium* barkeri is an exemplary hydro-lyase. This enzyme has been studied in the context of nicotinate catabolism and is encoded by hmd (Alhapel et al. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 103:12341-12346 (2006)). Similar enzymes with high sequence homology are found in *Bacteroides capillosus*, 50 *Anaerotruncus colihominis*, and *Natranaerobius thermophilius*.

hmd	ABC88407.1	Eubacterium barkeri
BACCAP_02294	ZP_02036683.1	Bacteroides capillosus
		ATCC 29799
ANACOL_02527	ZP_02443222.1	Anaerotruncus colihominis
		DSM 17241
NtherDRAFT_2368	ZP_02852366.1	Natranaerobius thermophilus
		JW/NM-WN-LF

A second exemplary hydro-lyase is fumarate hydratase, an enzyme catalyzing the dehydration of malate to fumarate. A wealth of structural information is available for this enzyme and researchers have successfully engineered the enzyme to alter activity, inhibition and localization (Weaver, T. *Acta Crystallogr. D Biol Crystallogr.* 61:1395-1401 (2005)). Additional fumarate hydratases include those

encoded by fumC from Escherichia coli (Estevez et al. Protein Sci. 11:1552-1557 (2002); Hong and Lee Biotechnol. Bioprocess Eng. 9:252-255 (2004); Rose and Weaver Proc Natl Acad Sci U.S.A 101:3393-3397 (2004)), Campylobacter jejuni (Smith et al. Int. J. Biochem. Cell Biol 5 31:961-975 (1999)) and Thermus thermophilus (Mizobata et al. Arch. Biochem. Biophys. 355:49-55 (1998)), and fumH from Rattus norvegicus (Kobayashi et al. J. Biochem. 89:1923-1931 (1981)). Similar enzymes with high sequence homology include fum1 from Arabidopsis thaliana and 10 fumC from Corynebacterium glutamicum.

fumC	P05042.1	Escherichia coli K12
fumC	O69294.1	Campylobacter jejuni
fumC	P84127	Thermus thermophilus
fumH	P14408.1	Rattus norvegicus
fum1	P93033.2	Arabidopsis thaliana
fumC	Q8NRN8.1	Corynebacterium glutamicum

Citramalate hydrolyase, also called 2-methylmalate dehydratase, converts 2-methylmalate to mesaconate. 2-Methylmalate dehydratase activity was detected in *Clostridium tetanomorphum, Morganella morganii, Citrobacter amalonaticus* in the context of the glutamate degradation VI pathway (Kato and Asano *Arch. Microbiol* 168:457-463 ²⁵ (1997)); however the genes encoding this enzyme have not been sequenced to date.

The gene product of crt from *C. acetobutylicum* catalyzes the dehydration of 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to crotonyl-CoA (Atsumi et al. Metab Eng.; 29 (2007)); Boynton et al. 30 Journal of Bacteriology 178:3015-3024 (1996)). The enoyl-CoA hydratases, phaA and phaB, of P. putida are believed to carry out the hydroxylation of double bonds during phenylacetate catabolism; (Olivera et al. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 95(11):6419-6424 (1998)). The paaA and paaB from P. ³⁵ fluorescens catalyze analogous transformations (14 Olivera et al., supra, 1998). Lastly, a number of Escherichia coli genes have been shown to demonstrate enoyl-CoA hydratase functionality including maoC (Park and Lee J Bacteriol 185(18):5391-5397 (2003)), paaF (Park and Lee Biotechnol 40 Bioeng. 86(6):681-686 (2004a)); Park and Lee Appl Biochem Biotechnol. 113-116: 335-346 (2004b)); Ismail et al. Eur J Biochem 270(14): p. 3047-3054 (2003), and paaG (Park and Lee, supra, 2004; Park and Lee supra, 2004b; Ismail et al., supra, 2003).

maoC	NP_415905.1	Escherichia coli	
paaF	NP_415911.1	Escherichia coli	
paaG	NP_415912.1	Escherichia coli	
crt	NP_349318.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum	
paaA	NP_745427.1	Pseudomonas putida	
paaB	NP_745426.1	Pseudomonas putida	
phaA	ABF82233.1	Pseudomonas fluorescens	
phaB	ABF82234.1	Pseudomonas fluorescens	
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The *E. coli* genes fadA and fadB encode a multienzyme complex that exhibits ketoacyl-CoA thiolase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, and enoyl-CoA hydratase activities (Yang et al. *Biochemistry* 30(27): p. 6788-6795 (1991); Yang et al. *J Biol Chem* 265(18): p. 10424-10429 (1990); Yang et al. *J Biol Chem* 266(24): p. 16255 (1991); Nakahigashi and Inokuchi *Nucleic Acids Res* 18(16): p. 4937 (1990)). The fadI and fadJ genes encode similar functions and are naturally expressed only anaerobically (Campbell et al. *Mol Microbiol* 47(3): p. 793-805 (2003). A method for producing poly[(R)-3-hydroxybutyrate] in *E. coli* that involves activating fadB (by knocking out a negative regulator, fadR) and

co-expressing a non-native ketothiolase (phaA from *Ralstonia eutropha*) has been described previously (Sato et al. *J Biosci Bioeng* 103(1): 38-44 (2007)). This work clearly demonstrates that a  $\beta$ -oxidation enzyme, in particular the gene product of fadB which encodes both 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase and enoyl-CoA hydratase activities, can function as part of a pathway to produce longer chain molecules from acetyl-CoA precursors.

fadA	YP_026272.1	Escherichia coli	
fadB	NP_418288.1	Escherichia coli	
fadI	NP_416844.1	Escherichia coli	
fadJ	NP_416843.1	Escherichia coli	
fadR	NP_415705.1	Escherichia coli	

#### 4.3.1.a—Ammonia-Lyase

Aspartase (EC 4.3.1.1), catalyzing the deamination of aspartate to fumarate, is a widespread enzyme in microorganisms, and has been characterized extensively (Viola, R. E. Adv. Enzymol. Relat Areas Mol. Biol. 74:295-341 (2000)). The crystal structure of the E. coli aspartase, encoded by aspA, has been solved (Shi et al. Biochemistry 36:9136-9144 (1997)). The E. coli enzyme has also been shown to react with alternate substrates aspartatephenylmethylester, asparagine, benzyl-aspartate and malate (Ma et al. Ann N.Y. Acad Sci 672:60-65 (1992)). In a separate study, directed evolution was been employed on this enzyme to alter substrate specificity (Asano et al. Biomol. Eng 22:95-101 (2005)). Enzymes with aspartase functionality have also been characterized in Haemophilus influenzae (Sjostrom et al. Biochim. Biophys. Acta 1324:182-190 (1997)), Pseudomonas fluorescens (Takagi et al. J. Biochem. 96:545-552 (1984)). Bacillus subtilus (Sjostrom et al. Biochim. Biophys. Acta 1324:182-190 (1997)) and Serratia marcescens (Takagi and Kisumi J Bacteriol. 161:1-6 (1985)).

3-methylaspartase (EC 4.3.1.2), also known as beta-methylaspartase or 3-methylaspartate ammonia-lyase, catalyzes the deamination of threo-3-methylasparatate to mesaconate. The 3-methylaspartase from Clostridium tetanomorphum has been cloned, functionally expressed in E. coli, and crystallized (Asuncion et al. Acta Crystallogr. D Biol Crystallogr. 57:731-733 (2001); Asuncion et al. J Biol. Chem. 277:8306-8311 (2002); Botting et al. Biochemistry 27:2953-2955 (1988); Goda et al. Biochemistry 31:10747-10756 (1992). In Citrobacter amalonaticus, this enzyme is encoded by BAA28709 (Kato and Asano Arch. Microbiol 168:457-463 (1997)). 3-Methylaspartase has also been crystallized from E. coli YG1002 (Asano and Kato FEMS Microbiol Lett. 118:255-258 (1994)) although the protein sequence is not listed in public databases such as GenBank. Sequence homology can be used to identify additional candidate genes, including CTC_02563 in C. tetani and ECs0761 in

5	MAL	AAB24070.1	Clostridium tetanomorphum
	BAA28709	BAA28709.1	Citrobacter amalonaticus
	CTC_02563	NP_783085.1	Clostridium tetani
	ECs0761	BAB34184.1	Escherichia coli O157:H7 str. Sakai
,	ECs0/61	BAB34184.1	Escherichia coli O15/:H/ str. Sakai

Ammonia-lyase enzyme candidates that form enoyl-CoA products include beta-alanyl-CoA ammonia-lyase (EC 4.3.1.6), which deaminates beta-alanyl-CoA, and 3-amin-obutyryl-CoA ammonia-lyase (EC 4.3.1.14). Two beta-alanyl-CoA ammonia lyases have been identified and characterized in *Clostridium propionicum* (Herrmann et al. *FEBS J.* 272:813-821 (2005)). No other beta-alanyl-CoA ammonia lyases have been studied to date, but gene candidates can be identified by sequence similarity. One such candidate is MXAN_4385 in *Myxococcus xanthus*.

ac12	CAG29275.1 CAG29274.1	Clostridium propionicum Clostridium propionicum
MXAN_4385	YP_632558.1	Myxococcus xanthus

#### 5.3.3.a—Isomerase

The 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratases from both *Clostridium aminobutyrium* and *C. kluyveri* catalyze the reversible conversion of 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to crotonyl-CoA and posses an intrinsic vinylacetyl-CoA A-isomerase activity (Scherf and Buckel *Eur. J Biochem.* 215:421-429 (1993); Scherf et al. *Arch. Microbiol* 161:239-245 (1994)). Both native enzymes were purified and characterized, including the N-terminal amino acid sequences (Scherf and Buckel, supra, 1993; Scherf et al., supra, 1994). The abfD 25 genes from *C. aminobutyrium* and *C. kluyveri* match exactly with these N-terminal amino acid sequences, thus are encoding the 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratases/vinylacetyl-CoA A-isomerase. In addition, the abfD gene from *Porphyromonas gingivalis* ATCC 33277 is identified through homology from genome projects.

abfD	YP_001396399.1	Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555
abfD	P55792	Clostridium aminobutyricum
abfD	YP_001928843	Porphyromonas gingivalis ATCC 33277

#### 5.4.3.a—Aminomutase

Lysine 2,3-aminomutase (EC 5.4.3.2) is an exemplary aminomutase that converts lysine to (3S)-3,6-diaminohexanoate, shifting an amine group from the 2- to the  40 3-position. The enzyme is found in bacteria that ferment lysine to acetate and butyrate, including as Fusobacterium nuleatum (kamA) (Barker et al. J. Bacteriol. 152:201-207 (1982)) and Clostridium subterminale (kamA) (Chirpich et al. J. Biol. Chem. 245:1778-1789 (1970)). The enzyme from 45 Clostridium subterminale has been crystallized (Lepore et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A 102:13819-13824 (2005)). An enzyme encoding this function is also encoded by yodO in Bacillus subtilus (Chen et al. Biochem. J. 348 Pt 3:539-549 (2000)). The enzyme utilizes pyridoxal 5'-phosphate as 50 a cofactor, requires activation by S-Adenosylmethoionine, and is stereoselective, reacting with the only with L-lysine. The enzyme has not been shown to react with alternate substrates.

yodO	O34676.1	Bacillus subtilus
kamA	Q9XBQ8.1	Clostridium subterminale
kamA	Q8RHX4	Fusobacterium nuleatum subsp. nuleatum

A second aminomutase, beta-lysine 5,6-aminomutase (EC 5.4.3.3), catalyzes the next step of lysine fermentation to acetate and butyrate, which transforms (3S)-3,6-diaminohexanoate to (3S,5S)-3,5-diaminohexanoate, shifting a terminal amine group from the 6- to the 5-position. This enzyme also catalyzes the conversion of lysine to 2,5-65 diaminohexanoate and is also called lysine-5,6-aminomutase (EC 5.4.3.4). The enzyme has been crystallized in

Clostridium sticklandii (kamD, kamE) (Berkovitch et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A 101:15870-15875 (2004)). The enzyme from Porphyromonas gingivalis has also been characterized (Tang et al. Biochemistry 41:8767-8776 (2002)).

kamD	AAC79717.1	Clostridium sticklandii
kamE	AAC79718.1	Clostridium sticklandii
kamD	NC_002950.2	Porphyromonas gingivalis W83
kamE	NC_002950.2	Porphyromonas gingivalis W83

Ornithine 4,5-aminomutase (EC 5.4.3.5) converts D-ornithine to 2,4-diaminopentanoate, also shifting a terminal amine to the adjacent carbon. The enzyme from *Clostridium sticklandii* is encoded by two genes, oraE and oraS, and has been cloned, sequenced and expressed in *E. coli* (Chen et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* 276:44744-44750 (2001)). This enzyme has not been characterized in other organisms to date.

oraE	AAK72502	Clostridium sticklandii
oraS	AAK72501	Clostridium sticklandii

Tyrosine 2,3-aminomutase (EC 5.4.3.6) participates in tyrosine biosynthesis, reversibly converting tyrosine to 3-amino-3-(4-hdyroxyphenyl)propanoate by shifting an amine from the 2- to the 3-position. In *Streptomyces globisporus* the enzyme has also been shown to react with tyrosine derivatives (Christenson et al. *Biochemistry* 42:12708-12718 (2003)). Sequence information is not available.

Leucine 2,3-aminomutase (EC 5.4.3.7) converts L-leucine to beta-leucine during leucine degradation and biosynthesis. An assay for leucine 2,3-aminomutase detected activity in many organisms (Poston, J. M. *Methods Enzymol.* 166:130-135 (1988)) but genes encoding the enzyme have not been identified to date.

Cargill has developed a novel 2,3-aminomutase enzyme to convert L-alanine to  $\beta$ -alanine, thus creating a pathway from pyruvate to 3-HP in four biochemical steps (Liao et al., U.S. Publication No. 2005-0221466).

#### 6.2.1.a—Acid-Thiol Ligase

An exemplary acid-thiol ligase is the gene products of sucCD of E. coli which together catalyze the formation of succinyl-CoA from succinate with the concaminant consumption of one ATP, a reaction which is reversible in vivo (Buck et al. Biochemistry 24(22): p. 6245-6252 (1985)). Additional exemplary CoA-ligases include the rat dicarboxylate-CoA ligase for which the sequence is yet uncharacterized (Vamecq et al. Biochem J. 230(3): p. 683-693 (1985)), either of the two characterized phenylacetate-CoA ligases from P. chrysogenum (Lamas-Maceiras et al. Biochem J 395(1):147-155 (2006); Wang et al. Biochem Biophys Res Commun, 360(2):453-458 (2007)), the phenylacetate-CoA ligase from Pseudomonas putida (Martinez-Blanco et al. J Biol. Chem. 265(12):7084-7090 (1990)), and the 6-carboxyhexanoate-CoA ligase from Bacillus subtilis (Bower et al. J Bacteriol 178(14):4122-4130 (1996)).

sucC	NP_415256.1	Escherichia coli
sucD	AAC73823.1	Escherichia coli
phl	CAJ15517.1	Penicillium chrysogenum
phlB	ABS19624.1	Penicillium chrysogenum
paaF	AAC24333.2	Pseudomonas putida
bioW	NP_390902.2	Bacillus subtilis

# 101 EXAMPLE V

#### Exemplary BDO Pathway from Succinyl-CoA

This example describes exemplary BDO pathways from 5 succinyl-CoA.

BDO pathways from succinyl-CoA are described herein and have been described previously (see U.S. application Ser. No. 12/049,256, filed Mar. 14, 2008, and PCT application serial No. US08/57168, filed Mar. 14, 2008, each of 10 which is incorporated herein by reference). Additional pathways are shown in FIG. 8A. Enzymes of such exemplary BDO pathways are listed in Table 15, along with exemplary genes encoding these enzymes.

Briefly, succinyl-CoA can be converted to succinic semialdehyde by succinyl-CoA reductase (or succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase) (EC 1.2.1.b). Succinate semialdehyde can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyrate by
4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a), as previously described. Alternatively, succinyl-CoA can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyrate by succinyl-CoA reductase (al-

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cohol forming) (EC 1.1.1.c). 4-Hydroxybutyrate can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA transferase (EC 2.8.3.a), as previously described, or by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA hydrolase (EC 3.1.2.a) or 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA ligase (or 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA synthetase) (EC 6.2.1.a). Alternatively, 4-hydroxybutyrate can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-phosphate by 4-hydroxybutyrate kinase (EC 2.7.2.a), as previously described. 4-Hydroxybutyryl-phosphate can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA by phosphotrans-4-hydroxybutyrylase (EC 2.3.1.a), as previously described. Alternatively, 4-hydroxybutyryl-phosphate can be converted to 4-hydroxybutanal by 4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase (phosphorylating) (EC 1.2.1.d). 4-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA can be converted to 4-hydroxybutanal by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (or 4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase) (EC 1.2.1.b). Alternatively, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA can be converted to 1,4-butanediol by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming) (EC 1.1.1.c). 4-Hydroxybutanal can be converted to 1,4-butanediol by 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a), as previously described.

TABLE 15

				BDO pathway	from succinyl-	CoA.		
FIG.	EC class	Desired substrate	Desired product	Enzyme name	Gene name	GenBank ID (if available)	Organism	Known Substrates
8A	1.2.1.b	succinyl-CoA	succinic semialdehyde	succinyl-CoA reductase (or succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase)	sucD	P38947.1	Clostridium kluyveri	succinyl-CoA
				,	sucD	NP_904963.1	Porphyromonas gingivalis	succinyl-CoA
					Msed_0709	YP_001190808.1	Metallosphaera sedula	malonyl-CoA
8A	1.1.1.a	succinate semialdehyde	4- hydroxybutyrate	4- hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase	4hbd	YP_726053.1	Ralstonia eutropha H16	4-hydroxybutyrate
				, 8	4hbd	L21902.1	Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	4-hydroxybutyrate
					4hbd	Q94B07	Arabidopsis thaliana	4-hydroxybutyrate
8A	1.1.1.c	succinyl-CoA	4- hydroxybutyrate	succinyl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming)	adhE2	AAK09379.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum	butanoyl-CoA
				Terming)	mer	AAS20429.1	Chloroflexus aurantiacus	malonyl-CoA
					FAR	AAD38039.1	Simmondsia chinensis	long chain acyl- CoA
8A	2.8.3.a	4- hydroxybutyrate	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA transferase	cat1, cat2, cat3	P38946.1, P38942.2, EDK35586.1	Clostridium kluyveri	succinate, 4- hydroxybutyrate, butyrate
					gctA, gctB	CAA57199.1, CAA57200.1	Acidaminococcus fermentans	glutarate
					atoA, atoD	P76459.1, P76458.1	Escherichia coli	butanoate
8A	3.1.2.a	4- hydroxybutyrate	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA hydrolase	tesB	NP_414986	Escherichia coli	adipyl-CoA
					acot12 hibch	NP_570103.1 Q6NVY1.2	Rattus norvegicus Homo sapiens	butyryl-CoA 3- hydroxypropanoyl CoA
8A	6.2.1.a	4- hydroxybutyrate	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA ligase (or 4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA synthetase)	sucCD	NP_415256.1, AAC73823.1	Escherichia coli	succinate
					phl	CAJ15517.1	Penicillium chrysogenum	phenylacetate
					bioW	NP_390902.2	Bacillus subtilis	6-carboxyhexanoa

TABLE 15-continued

				BDO pathway	from succinyl-	CoA.		
FIG.	EC class	Desired substrate	Desired product	Enzyme name	Gene name	GenBank ID (if available)	Organism	Known Substrates
8A	2.7.2.a	4- hydroxybutyrate	4- hydroxybutyryl- phosphate	4- hydroxybutyrate kinase	ackA	NP_416799.1	Escherichia coli	acetate, propionate
			phosphace		buk1	NP_349675	Clostridium acetobutylicum	butyrate
					buk2	Q97II1	Clostridium acetobutylicum	butyrate
8A	2.3.1.a	4- hydroxybutyryl- phosphate	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	phosphotrans-4- hydroxy- butyrylase	ptb	NP_349676	Clostridium acetobutylicum	butyryl-phosphate
					ptb	AAR19757.1	butyrate-producing bacterium L2-50	butyryl-phosphate
8A	1.2.1.d	4- hydroxybutyryl- phosphate	4-hydroxybutanal	4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase (phosphorylating)	ptb asd	CAC07932.1 NP_417891.1	Bacillus megaterium Escherichia coli	butyryl-phosphate L-4-aspartyl- phosphate
		rr-		(tp)	proA	NP_414778.1	Escherichia coli	L-glutamyl-5- phospate
					gapA	P0A9B2.2	Escherichia coli	Glyceraldehyde-3- phosphate
8A	1.2.1.b	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	4-hydroxybutanal	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA reductase (or 4- hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase)	sucD	P38947.1	Clostridium kluyveri	succinyl-CoA
					sucD	NP_904963.1	Porphyromonas gingivalis	succinyl-CoA
					Msed_0709	YP_001190808.1	Metallosphaera sedula	malonyl-CoA
8A	1.1.1.c	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	1,4-butanediol	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA reductase (alcohol forming)	adhE2	AAK09379.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum	butanoyl-CoA
					mer	AAS20429.1	Chloroflexus aurantiacus	malonyl-CoA
					FAR	AAD38039.1	Simmondsia chinensis	long chain acyl- CoA
8A	1.1.1.a	4- hydroxybutanal	1,4-butanediol	1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase	ADH2	NP_014032.1	Saccharymyces cerevisiae	general
					yqhD 4hbd	NP_417484.1 L21902.1	Escherichia coli Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	>C3 Succinate semialdehyde

### EXAMPLE VI

# Additional Exemplary BDO Pathways from Alpha-Ketoglutarate

This example describes exemplary BDO pathways from alpha-ketoglutarate.

BDO pathways from succinyl-CoA are described herein and have been described previously (see U.S. application Ser. No. 12/049,256, filed Mar. 14, 2008, and PCT application serial No. US08/57168, filed Mar. 14, 2008, each of which is incorporated herein by reference). Additional pathways are shown in FIG. 8B. Enzymes of such exemplary BDO pathways are listed in Table 16, along with exemplary genes encoding these enzymes.

Briefly, alpha-ketoglutarate can be converted to succinic semialdehyde by alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase (EC 60 4.1.1.a), as previously described. Alternatively, alpha-ketoglutarate can be converted to glutamate by glutamate dehydrogenase (EC 1.4.1.a). 4-Aminobutyrate can be converted to succinic semialdehyde by 4-aminobutyrate oxidoreductase (deaminating) (EC 1.4.1.a) or 4-aminobutyrate 65 transaminase (EC 2.6.1.a). Glutamate can be converted to 4-aminobutyrate by glutamate decarboxylase (EC 4.1.1.a).

Succinate semialdehyde can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyrate by 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a), as previously described. 4-Hydroxybutyrate can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA transferase (EC 2.8.3.a), as previously described, or by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA hydrolase (EC 3.1.2.a), or 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA ligase (or 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA synthetase) (EC 6.2.1.a). 4-Hydroxybutyrate can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-phosphate by 4-hydroxybutyrate kinase (EC 2.7.2.a). 4-Hydroxybutyryl-phosphate can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA by phosphotrans-4-hydroxybutyrylase (EC 2.3.1.a), as previously described. Alternatively, 4-hydroxybutyryl-phosphate can be converted to 4-hydroxybutanal by 4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase (phosphorylating) (EC 1.2.1.d). 4-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA can be converted to 4-hydroxybutanal by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (or 4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase) (EC 1.2.1.b), as previously described. 4-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA can be converted to 1,4-butanediol by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming) (EC 1.1.1.c). 4-Hydroxybutanal can be converted to 1,4-butanediol by 1,4butanediol dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a), as previously described.

TABLE 16

				BDO pathway fro								
IG.	EC class	Desired substrate	Desired product	Enzyme name	Gene name	GenBank ID (if available)	Organism	Known Substrates				
8B	4.1.1.a	alpha- ketoglutarate	succinic semialdehyde	alpha- ketoglutarate decarboxylase	kgd	O50463.4	Mycobacterium tuberculosis	alpha- ketoglutarate				
					gadA	NP_417974	Escherichia coli Escherichia coli	glutamate glutamate				
BB	1.4.1.a	alpha- ketoglutarate	glutamate	glutamate dehydrogenase	gadB gdh <b>A</b>	NP_416010 P00370	Escherichia coli	glutamate				
				a.a., a.a.g	gdh	P96110.4	Thermotoga maritima	glutamate				
					gdhA1	NP_279651.1	Halobacterium salinarum	glutamate				
В	1.4.1.a	4-aminobutyrate	succinic semialdehyde	4-aminobutyrate oxidoreductase (deaminating)	lysDH	AB052732	Geobacillus stearothermophilus	lysine				
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	lysDH	NP_147035.1	Aeropyrum pernix K1	lysine				
					ldh	P0A393	Bacillus cereus	leucine, isoleucine, valine, 2- aminobutanoate				
В	2.6.1.a	4-aminobutyrate	succinic semialdehyde	4-aminobutyrate transaminase	gabT	P22256.1	Escherichia coli	4- aminobutyryate				
					puuE	NP_415818.1	Escherichia coli	4- aminobutyryate				
					UGA1	NP_011533.1	Saccharomyces cerevisiae	4- aminobutyryate				
В	4.1.1.a	glutamate	4-aminobutyrate	glutamate decarboxylase	gadA	NP_417974	Escherichia coli	glutamate				
					gadB kgd	NP_416010 O50463.4	Escherichia coli Mycobacterium tuberculosis	glutamate alpha- ketoglutarate				
В	1.1.1.a	succinate semialdehyde	4- hydroxybutyrate	4- hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase	4hbd	YP_726053.1	Ralstonia eutropha H16	4- hydroxybutyrate				
				denydrogenase	4hbd	L21902.1	Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	4- hydroxybutyrate				
					4hbd	Q94B07	Arabidopsis thaliana	4- hydroxybutyrate				
8B	2.8.3.a	4- hydroxybutyrate	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA transferase	cat3	P38946.1, P38942.2, EDK35586.1	Clostridium kluyveri	succinate, 4- hydroxybutyrate, butyrate				
					gctA, gctB	CAA57199.1, CAA57200.1	Acidaminococcus fermentans	glutarate				
					atoA, atoD	P76459.1, P76458.1	Escherichia coli	butanoate				
В	3.1.2.a	4- hydroxybutyrate	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA hydrolase	tesB	NP_414986	Escherichia coli	adipyl-CoA				
			C071		acot12 hibch	NP_570103.1 Q6NVY1.2	Rattus norvegicus Homo sapiens	butyryl-CoA 3-				
								hydroxypropanoy CoA				
8B	6.2.1.a	4- hydroxybutyrate	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA ligase (or 4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA synthetase)	sucCD	NP_415256.1, AAC73823.1	Escherichia coli	succinate				
				Sort Symmetase)	phl	CAJ15517.1	Penicillium chrysogenum	phenylacetate				
					bioW	NP_390902.2	Bacillus subtilis	6- carboxyhexanoate				
В	2.7.2.a	4- hydroxybutyrate	4- hydroxybutyryl- phosphate	4- hydroxybutyrate kinase	ackA	NP_416799.1	Escherichia coli	acetate, propionate				
			PP.		buk1	NP_349675	Clostridium acetobutylicum	butyrate				
					buk2	Q97II1	Clostridium acetobutylicum	butyrate				
В	2.3.1.a	4- hydroxybutyryl- phosphate	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	phosphotrans-4- hydroxy- butyrylase	ptb	NP_349676	Clostridium acetobutylicum	butyryl- phosphate				
		phosphate	C021	outyryruse	ptb	AAR19757.1	butyrate-producing bacterium L2-50	butyryl-				
					ptb	CAC07932.1	Bacillus megaterium	phosphate butyryl- phosphate				

TABLE 16-continued

				BDO pathway fro	m alpha-ketog	lutarate.		
FIG.	EC class	Desired substrate	Desired product	Enzyme name	Gene name	GenBank ID (if available)	Organism	Known Substrates
8B	1.2.1.d	4- hydroxybutyryl- phosphate	4- hydroxybutanal	4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase (phosphorylating)	asd	NP_417891.1	Escherichia coli	L-4-aspartyl- phosphate
		phosphate		(phosphorylating)	proA	NP_414778.1	Escherichia coli	L-glutamyl-5- phospate
					gapA	P0A9B2.2	Escherichia coli	Glyceraldehyde- 3-phosphate
8B	1.2.1.b	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	4- hydroxybutanal	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA reductase (or 4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase)	sucD	P38947.1	Clostridium kluyveri	succinyl-CoA
				, ,	sucD	NP_904963.1	Porphyromonas gingivalis	succinyl-CoA
					Msed_0709	YP_001190808.1	Metallosphaera sedula	malonyl-CoA
8B	1.1.1.c	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	1,4-butanediol	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA reductase (alcohol forming)	adhE2	AAK09379.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum	butanoyl-CoA
				`	mer	AAS20429.1	Chloroflexus aurantiacus	malonyl-CoA
					FAR	AAD38039.1	Simmondsia chinensis	long chain acyl- CoA
8B	1.1.1.a	4- hydroxybutanal	1,4-butanediol	1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase	ADH2	NP_014032.1	Saccharymyces cerevisiae	general
		, ,		, ,	yqhD 4hbd	NP_417484.1 L21902.1	Escherichia coli Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	>C3 Succinate semialdehyde

### EXAMPLE VII

# BDO Pathways from 4-Aminobutyrate

This example describes exemplary BDO pathway d from  $_{\ \, 35}$  4-aminobuty rate.

FIG. **9**A depicts exemplary BDO pathways in which 4-aminobutyrate is converted to BDO. Enzymes of such an exemplary BDO pathway are listed in Table 17, along with exemplary genes encoding these enzymes.

Briefly, 4-aminobutyrate can be converted to 4-aminobutyryl-CoA by 4-aminobutyrate CoA transferase (EC 2.8.3.a), 4-aminobutyryl-CoA hydrolase (EC 3.1.2.a), or 4-aminobu-

tyrate-CoA ligase (or 4-aminobutyryl-CoA synthetase) (EC 6.2.1.a). 4-aminobutyryl-CoA can be converted to 4-oxobutyryl-CoA by 4-aminobutyryl-CoA oxidoreductase (deaminating) (EC 1.4.1.a) or 4-aminobutyryl-CoA transaminase (EC 2.6.1.a). 4-oxobutyryl-CoA can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a). 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA can be converted to 1,4-butanediol by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming) (EC 1.1.1.c). Alternatively, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA can be converted to 4-hydroxybutanal by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (or 4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase) (EC 1.2.1.b). 4-hydroxybutanal can be converted to 1,4-butanediol by 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a).

TABLE 17

		BDO p	athway from 4-ami	nobutyrate.				
FIG.	EC class	Desired substrate	Desired product	Enzyme name	Gene name			
9 <b>A</b>	2.8.3.a	4- aminobutyrate	4- aminobutyryl- CoA	4-aminobutyrate CoA transferase	cat1, cat2, cat3			
9 <b>A</b>	3.1.2.a	4- aminobutyrate	4- aminobutyryl- CoA	4-aminobutyryl- CoA hydrolase	gctA, gctB atoA, atoD tesB			
9 <b>A</b>	6.2.1.a	4- aminobutyrate	4- aminobutyryl-	4-aminobutyrate- CoA ligase (or 4-	acot12 hibch sucCD			
		ammooutyrate	CoA	aminobutyryl-CoA synthetase)	phl			
9A	1.4.1.a	4-	4 oxyoloutrawyl	4 amin abutawal	bioW			
УA	1.4.1.8	aminobutyryl- CoA	4-oxobutyryl- CoA	4-aminobutyryl- CoA oxidoreductase (deaminating)	lysDH			
					lysDH ldh			

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				rom 4-amin	-		
9 <b>A</b>	2.6.1.a	4- aminobutyryl- CoA	4-oxo CoA	butyryl-	4-aminobutyi CoA transam		gabT
							abat SkyPYD4
9 <b>A</b>	1.1.1.a	4-oxobutyryl- CoA	4- hydro: CoA	xybutyryl-	4-hydroxybu CoA dehydro		ADH2
			COA				yqhD
8	1.1.1.c	4-	1 4-br	ıtanediol	4-hydroxybu	ww.l_	4hbd adhE2
o	1.1.1.0	hydroxybutyryl- CoA	1,4-00	nanction	CoA reductas (alcohol form	se	acini2
							mer FAR
8	1.2.1.b	4-	4-		4-hydroxybu		sucD
		hydroxybutyryl- CoA	hydro	xybutanal	CoA reductas 4-hydroxybut dehydrogenas	anal	
					denydrogena	,,	sucD
8	1.1.1.a	4- hydroxybutanal	1,4-bu	ıtanediol	1,4-butanedio		Msed_0709 ADH2
		nydioxyodianai			denydrogena	se	yqhD 4hbd
FIG.	EC class	GenBank ID (if available)		Organism		Know. Substr	
9 <b>A</b>	2.8.3.a	P38946.1, P389 EDK35586.1	42.2,	Clostridiu	n kluyveri		ate, 4- xybutyrate,
		CAA57199.1,		Acidamino		glutara	
		CAA57200.1 P76459.1, P764	158 1	fermentans Escherichi		butano	nate
9A	3.1.2.a	NP_414986	56.1	Escherichi Escherichi		adipyl	
		NP_570103.1		Rattus nor	0		·l-CoA
		Q6NVY1.2		Homo sapi	iens	3- hydro: CoA	xypropanoyl-
9 <b>A</b>	6.2.1.a	NP_415256.1, AAC73823.1		Escherichi		succin	ate
		CAJ15517.1		Penicilliun chrysogeni		pheny	lacetate
		NP_390902.2		Bacillus sı		6-	
9A	1.4.1.a	AB052732		Geobacillu		carboz lysine	kyhexanoate
		NP_147035.1		stearotheri Aeronyrum	nophilus 1 pernix K1	lysine	
		P0A393		Bacillus ce		leucin valine	e, isoleucine, , 2-
9 <b>A</b>	2.6.1.a	P22256.1		Escherichi	a coli		butanoate nobutyryate
<i>)</i>	2.0.1.a	P50554.3		Rattus nor		3-amii	no-2-
		ABF58893.1		Saccharon	ıyces kluyveri	methy beta-a	Ipropionate lanine
9 <b>A</b>	1.1.1.a	NP_014032.1		Saccharym		genera	
		NP_417484.1		cerevisiae Escherichi	a coli	>C3	
		L21902.1		Clostridiun		Succin	
8	1.1.1.c	AAK09379.1			DSM 555 Clostridium		ldehyde oyl-Co <b>A</b>
		AAS20429.1		Chloroflexi aurantiacu	us	malon	yl-CoA
					ia chinensis	long c	hain acyl-
		AAD38039.1				C 02 I	
8	1.2.1.b	AAD38039.1 P38947.1 NP_904963.1		Clostridiun Porphyron	•	Succir	nyl-Co <b>A</b> nyl-Co <b>A</b>
8	1.2.1.b	P38947.1	.1	Porphyron gingivalis	•	Succir Succir	
	1.2.1.b 1.1.1.a	P38947.1 NP_904963.1	3.1	Porphyron gingivalis Metallosph Saccharym	nonas naera sedula	Succir Succir	nyl-CoA nyl-CoA
8		P38947.1 NP_904963.1 YP_001190808	3.1	Porphyron gingivalis Metallosph	nonas naera sedula nyces	Succin Succin Malor	nyl-CoA nyl-CoA

Enzymes for another exemplary BDO pathway converting 4-aminobutyrate to BDO is shown in FIG. 9A. Enzymes of such an exemplary BDO pathway are listed in Table 18, along with exemplary genes encoding these enzymes.

Briefly, 4-aminobutyrate can be converted to 4-aminobutyryl-CoA by 4-aminobutyrate CoA transferase (EC 2.8.3.a), 4-aminobutyryl-CoA hydrolase (EC 3.1.2.a) or 4-aminobutyrate-CoA ligase (or 4-aminobutyryl-CoA synthetase) (EC 6.2.1.a). 4-aminobutyryl-CoA can be converted to 4-aminobutan-1-ol by 4-aminobutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol

forming) (EC 1.1.1.c). Alternatively, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA can be converted to 4-aminobutanal by 4-aminobutyryl-CoA reductase (or 4-aminobutanal dehydrogenase) (EC 1.2.1.b), and 4-aminobutanal converted to 4-aminobutan-1-ol by 4-aminobutan-1-ol dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a). 4-aminobutan-1-ol can be converted to 4-hydroxybutanal by 4-aminobutan-1-ol oxidoreductase (deaminating) (EC 1.4.1.a) or 4-aminobutan-1-ol transaminase (EC 2.6.1.a). 4-hydroxybutanal can be converted to 1,4-butanediol by 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a).

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TABLE 18

	BDO pathway from 4-aminobutyrate.							
FIG.	EC class	Desired substrate	Desired product	Enzyme name	Gene name			
9A	2.8.3.a	4- aminobutyrate	4- aminobutyryl- CoA	4-aminobutyrate C transferase	oA cat1, cat2, cat3			
9A	3.1.2.a	4- aminobutyrate	4- aminobutyryl- CoA	4-aminobutyryl-Co	gctA, gctB atoA, atoD oA tesB			
9 <b>A</b>	6.2.1.a	4- aminobutyrate	4-	4-aminobutyrate-C ligase (or 4- aminobutyryl-CoA synthetase)				
9A	1.1.1.c	4- aminobutyryl- CoA	4-aminobutan- 1-ol	4-aminobutyryl-Coreductase (alcohol forming)				
9A	1.2.1.b	4- aminobutyryl- CoA		4-aminobutyryl-Coreductase (or 4-aminobutanal dehydrogenase)	mer FAR A sucD			
9A	1.1.1.a	4-aminobutan:	al 4-aminobutan- 1-ol	4-aminobutan-1-ol dehydrogenase	sucD Msed_0709 ADH2 yqhD			
9 <b>A</b>	1.4.1.a	4-aminobutan- 1-ol		4-aminobutan-1-ol oxidoreductase (deaminating)	4hbd lysDH			
9 <b>A</b>	2.6.1.a	4-aminobutan- 1-ol	4- hydroxybutanal	4-aminobutan-1-ol transaminase				
9A	1.1.1.a	4- hydroxybutana	1,4-butanediol	1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase	abat SkyPYD4 ADH2			
			nk ID (if		yqhD 4hbd Known			
		Class availab		Organism	Substrate			
		CAA5 CAA5 P76459 2.a NP_4	7199.1, 7200.1 9.1, P76458.1 14986 70103.1	Clostridium kluyveri Acidaminococcus Germentans Escherichia coli Escherichia coli Rattus norvegicus Homo sapiens	succinate, 4- hydroxybutyrate, butyrate glutarate  butanoate adipyl-CoA butyryl-CoA 3- hydroxypropanoyl- CoA			

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TABLE 18-continued

BDO pathway from 4-aminobutyrate.						
9A	6.2.1.a	NP_415256.1,	Escherichia coli	succinate		
		AAC73823.1	TO 1 1991			
		CAJ15517.1	Penicillium	phenylacetate		
		NTD 2000002.2	chrysogenum Bacillus subtilis	6-		
		NP_390902.2	Bacillus suotilis	o- carboxyhexanoate		
9A	1.1.1.c	AAK09379.1	Clostridium	butanoyl-CoA		
9A	1.1.1.0	AAK09379.1	acetobutylicum	butanoyi-CoA		
		AAS20429.1	Chloroflexus	malonyl-CoA		
		71.1020 129.1	aurantiacus	maionyi cori		
		AAD38039.1	Simmondsia	long chain		
			chinensis	acyl-CoA		
9A	1.2.1.b	P38947.1	Clostridium kluyveri	Succinyl-CoA		
		NP_904963.1	Porphyromonas	Succinyl-CoA		
			gingivalis	•		
		YP_001190808.1	Metallosphaera	Malonyl-CoA		
			sedula			
9 <b>A</b>	1.1.1.a	NP_014032.1	Saccharymyces	general		
			cerevisiae			
		NP_417484.1	Escherichia coli	>C3		
		L21902.1	Clostridium kluyveri	Succinate		
			DSM 555	semialdehyde		
9 <b>A</b>	1.4.1.a	AB052732	Geobacillus	lysine		
			stearothermophilus			
		NP_147035.1	Aeropyrum pernix	lysine		
		70.100	K1			
		P0A393	Bacillus cereus	leucine,		
				isoleucine,		
				valine, 2-		
9A	2.6.1.a	P22256.1	Escherichia coli	aminobutanoate		
ЭA	∠.0.1.8	F22230.1	Escherichia con	aminobutyryate		
		P50554.3	Rattus norvegicus	3-amino-2-		
		1 50554.5	Railus noi vegicus	methylpropionate		
		ABF58893.1	Saccharomyces	heta-alanine		
		1101 30073.1	kluyveri	coa alalillo		
9 <b>A</b>	1.1.1.a	NP_014032.1	Saccharymyces	general		
			cerevisiae	0		
		NP_417484.1	Escherichia coli	>C3		
		L21902.1	Clostridium kluyveri	Succinate		

FIG. **9**B depicts exemplary BDO pathway in which 4-aminobutyrate is converted to BDO. Enzymes of such an exemplary BDO pathway are listed in Table 19, along with exemplary genes encoding these enzymes.

Briefly, 4-aminobutyrate can be converted to [(4-aminobutanolyl)oxy]phosphonic acid by 4-aminobutyrate kinase (EC 2.7.2.a). [(4-aminobutanolyl)oxy]phosphonic acid can be converted to 4-aminobutanal by 4-aminobutyraldehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating) (EC 1.2.1.d). 4-aminobutanal can be converted to 4-aminobutan-1-ol by 4-aminobutan-1-ol dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a). 4-aminobutan-1-ol can be converted to 4-hydroxybutanal by 4-aminobutan-1-ol oxidoreductase (deaminating) (EC 1.4.1.a) or 4-aminobu-

tan-1-ol transaminase (EC 2.6.1.a). Alternatively, [(4-aminobutanolyl)oxy]phosphonic acid can be converted to [(4-oxobutanolyl)oxy]phosphonic acid by [(4-aminobutanolyl)oxy]phosphonic acid oxidoreductase (deaminating) (EC 1.4.1.a) or [(4-aminobutanolyl)oxy]phosphonic acid transaminase (EC 2.6.1.a). [(4-oxobutanolyl)oxy]phosphonic acid can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-phosphate by 4-hydroxybutyryl-phosphate can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-phosphate can be converted to 4-hydroxybutanal by 4-hydroxybutyraldehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating) (EC 1.2.1.d). 4-hydroxybutanal can be converted to 1,4-butanediol by 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a).

TABLE 19

		BDO	pathway from 4-amin	obutyrate.	
FIG.	EC class	Desired substrate	Desired product	Enzyme name	Gene name
9B	2.7.2.a	4- aminobutyrate	[(4- aminobutanolyl) oxy] phosphonic acid	4- aminobutyrate kinase	ackA
					buk1
					proB

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O.P.	1211	F/4	Par		from 4-amin	-		
9B	1.2.1.d	[(4- aminobuta oxy] phosphoni acid	-	4- amino	obutanal	dehydrog	tyraldehyde genase orylating)	asd
9B	1.1.1.a	4-aminobu	itanal	4-am: 1-ol	inobutan-	4-aminol 1-ol dehydrog		proA gapA ADH2
9B	1.4.1.a	4-aminobu 1-ol	itan-	4- hydro	oxybutanal	4-aminol 1-ol oxidored (deamina	uctase	yqhD 4hbd lysDH
9B	2.6.1.a	4-aminobu 1-ol	tan-	4- hydro	xybutanal	4-aminol		lysDH ldh gabT
9B	1.4.1.a	[(4- aminobuta oxy] phosphoni	• /	oxy]	utanolyl) bhonic	[(4- aminobu oxy]phos	tanolyl)	abat SkyPYD4 lysDH
		acid	-	acid		oxidored (deamina		lysDH
9B	2.6.1.a	[(4- aminobuta oxy] phosphoni	• /	oxy] phosp	utanolyl) bhonic	[(4- aminobu oxy]phos acid	sphonic	ldh gabT
9B	1.1.1.a	acid		acid		transami:	nase	SkyPYD4 serC ADH2
<i>)</i> D	1.1.1.4	oxobutano phosphoni acid			xybutyryl- bhate	hydroxyl phosphat dehydrog	ie .	ADIIZ
9B	1.2.1.d	4- hydroxybu phosphate	ıtyryl-	4- hydro	oxybutanal	dehydrog		yqhD 4hbd asd
9B	1.1.1.a	4- hydroxybu	itanal	1,4-bi	(phosphorylating)  ,4-butanediol 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase		nediol	proA gapA ADH2
		, 0, 0.0						yqhD 4hbd
	FIG.	EC class	GenBan (if availa		Organism		Known Subst	rate
	9B	2.7.2.a	NP_416 NP_349		Escherichi Clostridius acetobutyli	n	acetate, propi butyrate	onate
	9B	1.2.1.d	NP_414 NP_417 NP_414 P0A9B2	7891.1 1778.1	Escherichia coli Escherichia coli Escherichia coli Escherichia coli		glutamate L-4-aspartyl-phosphate L-glutamyl-5-phospate Glyceraldehyde-3- phosphate	
	9B	1.1.1.a	NP_014 NP_417 L21902.	7484.1	Saccharym cerevisiae Escherichi Clostridiu	a coli	general >C3 Succinate ser	nialdehyde
	9B	1.4.1.a	AB0527		DSM 555 Geobacilli stearotheri	us lysine		•
			NP_147		Aeropyrum K1	ı pernix	lysine	uoine velie-
			P0A393		Bacillus ce	ereus	leucine, isole 2-aminobutar	

TABLE 19-continued

	BDO pathway from 4-aminobutyrate.				
9B	2.6.1.a	P22256.1 P50554.3	Escherichia coli Rattus norvegicus	4-aminobutyryate 3-amino-2- methylpropionate	
		ABF58893.1	Saccharomyces kluyveri	beta-alanine	
9B	1.4.1.a	AB052732	Geobacillus stearothermophilus	lysine	
		NP_147035.1	Aeropyrum pernix K1	lysine	
		P0A393	Bacillus cereus	leucine, isoleucine, valine, 2-aminobutanoate	
9B	2.6.1.a	P22256.1	Escherichia coli	4-aminobutyryate	
		ABF58893.1	Saccharomyces kluyveri	beta-alanine	
		NP_415427.1	Escherichia coli	phosphoserine, phosphohydroxythreonine	
9B	1.1.1.a	NP_014032.1	Saccharymyces cerevisiae	general	
		NP_417484.1	Escherichia coli	>C3	
		L21902.1	Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	Succinate semialdehyde	
9B	1.2.1.d	NP_417891.1	Escherichia coli	L-4-aspartyl-phosphate	
		NP_414778.1	Escherichia coli	L-glutamyl-5-phospate	
		P0A9B2.2	Escherichia coli	Glyceraldehyde-3- phosphate	
9B	1.1.1.a	NP_014032.1	Saccharymyces cerevisiae	general	
		NP_417484.1	Escherichia coli	>C3	
		L21902.1	Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	Succinate semialdehyde	

FIG. 9C shows an exemplary pathway through acetoacetate.

# EXAMPLE VIII

# Exemplary BDO Pathways from Alpha-Ketoglutarate

This example describes exemplary BDO pathways from alpha-ketoglutarate.

FIG. 10 depicts exemplary BDO pathways in which alpha-ketoglutarate is converted to BDO. Enzymes of such an exemplary BDO pathway are listed in Table 20, along with exemplary genes encoding these enzymes.

Briefly, alpha-ketoglutarate can be converted to alpha-ketoglutaryl-phosphate by alpha-ketoglutarate 5-kinase (EC 45 2.7.2.a). Alpha-ketoglutaryl-phosphate can be converted to 2,5-dioxopentanoic acid by 2,5-dioxopentanoic semialdehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating) (EC 1.2.1.d). 2,5-dioxopentanoic acid can be converted to 5-hydroxy-2-oxo-

pentanoic acid by 2,5-dioxopentanoic acid reductase (EC 1.1.1.a). Alternatively, alpha-ketoglutarate can be converted to alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA by alpha-ketoglutarate CoA transferase (EČ 2.8.3.a), alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA hydrolase (EC 3.1.2.a) or alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA ligase (or alphaketoglutaryl-CoA synthetase) (EC 6.2.1.a). Alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA can be converted to 2,5-dioxopentanoic acid by alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA reductase (or 2,5-dioxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase) (EC 1.2.1.b). 2,5-Dioxopentanoic acid can be converted to 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid by 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase. Alternatively, alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA can be converted to 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid by alpha-ketoglutaryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming) (EC 1.1.1.c). 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid can be converted to 4-hydroxybutanal by 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase (EC 4.1.1.a). 4-hydroxybutanal can be converted to 1,4-butanediol by 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a). 5-hydroxy-2oxopentanoic acid can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA by 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxylation) (EC 1.2.1.c).

TABLE 20

BDO pathway from alpha-ketoglutarate.					
FIG.	EC class	Desired substrate	Desired product	Enzyme name	Gene name
10	2.7.2.a	alpha- ketoglutarate	alpha- ketoglutaryl- phosphate	alpha- ketoglutarate 5- kinase	ackA
					buk1 proB
10	1.2.1.d	alpha- ketoglutaryl- phosphate	2,5- dioxopentanoic acid	2,5- dioxopentanoic semialdehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating)	proA
					asu ganA

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TABLE 20-continued

		BDO	pathway from alpha-ke		nte	
10	1.1.1.a	2,5-		2,5-		ADH2
10	1.1.1.a	dioxopentanoic acid	5-hydroxy-2- oxopentanoic acid	dioxoj	entanoic eductase	
						yqhD 4hbd
.0	2.8.3.a	alpha-	alpha-	alpha-		cat1, cat2,
		ketoglutarate	ketoglutaryl- CoA	ketogl CoA	utarate	cat3
			COA	transfe	erase	
						gctA, gctB
.0	3.1.2.a	alpha-	alpha-	alpha-		atoA, atoD tesB
.0	J.1.2.a	ketoglutarate	ketoglutaryl-		utaryl-	tesb
			CoA	CoA l	ıydrolase	.13
						acot12 hibch
.0	6.2.1.a	alpha-	alpha-	alpha-		sucCD
		ketoglutarate	ketoglutaryl-		utaryl-	
			CoA	CoA I alpha-	igase (or	
					utaryl-	
				CoA		
				synthe	etase)	phl
						bioW
0	1.2.1.b	alpha-	2,5-	alpha-		sucD
		ketoglutaryl- CoA	dioxopentanoic acid		utaryl- eductase	
		COA	aciu	(or 2,5		
				dioxoj	entanoic	
				acid	ma con o ao)	
				denyd	rogenase)	Msed_0709
						bphG_
0	1.1.1.a	2,5-	5-hydroxy-2-		roxy-2-	ADH2
		dioxopentanoic acid	oxopentanoic acid	oxope acid	ntanoic	yqhD 4hbd
					rogenase	
.0	1.1.1.c	alpha-	5-hydroxy-2-	alpha-		adhE2
		ketoglutaryl- CoA	oxopentanoic acid		utaryl- eductase	
				(alcoh		
				formir	ıg)	
						mer FAR
.0	4.1.1.a	5-hydroxy-2-	4-		roxy-2-	pdc
		oxopentanoic acid	hydroxybutanal	oxope acid	ntanoic	
		aciu			oxylase	
					•	mdlC
.0	1.1.1.a	4-	1,4-butanediol	1.4 bu	tanadial	pdc1 ADH2
.0	1.1.1.4	hydroxybutanal	1,4-butanedioi		tanediol rogenase	ADH2
		, ,		-, -,	-	yqhD
.0	1.2.1.c	5 hudeau 2	4-	5 herd.		4hbd sucA, sucB,
10	1.2.1.C	5-hydroxy-2- oxopentanoic	hydroxybutyryl-CoA		roxy-2- ntanoic	lpd
		acid	-,,, -, -, -, -	acid		-r
					rogenase	
				(decar	boxylation)	bfmBB,
						bfmBAA,
						bfmBAB,
						bfmBAB, pdhD
						Bekdha, Bekdhb,
						Dbt, Dld
		CD1 ID				
IG.	EC class	GenBank ID (if available)	Organism		Known Sul	bstrate
0	272:	ND 416700 1	Enghani-Lin - 1		agat-t-	mionat-
0	2.7.2.a	NP_416799.1 NP_349675	Escherichia coli Clostridium acetobi	ıtvlicum	acetate, pro butyrate	pionate
		NP_414777.1	Escherichia coli		glutamate	
0	1.2.1.d	NP_414778.1	Escherichia coli	L-glutamyl-5-phosp		
		NP_417891.1	Escherichia coli			/l-phosphate
		P0A9B2.2	Escherichia coli		Giyceralde.	hyde-3-phosphate

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	BDO pathway from alpha-ketoglutarate.						
10	1.1.1.a	NP_014032.1 NP_417484.1	Saccharymyces cerevisiae Escherichia coli	general >C3			
		L21902.1	Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	Succinate semialdehyde			
10	2.8.3.a	P38946.1, P38942.2, EDK35586.1	Clostridium kluyveri	succinate, 4-hydroxybutyrate, butyrate			
		CAA57199.1, CAA57200.1	Acidaminococcus fermentans	glutarate			
		P76459.1, P76458.1	Escherichia coli	butanoate			
10	3.1.2.a	NP_414986 NP_570103.1	Escherichia coli Rattus norvegicus	adipyl-CoA butyryl-CoA			
10	6.2.1.a	Q6NVY1.2 NP_415256.1,	Homo sapiens Escherichia coli	3-hydroxypropanoyl-CoA succinate			
		AAC73823.1 CAJ15517.1	Penicillium chrysogenum	phenylacetate			
10	1.2.1.b	NP_390902.2 P38947.1	Bacillus subtilis Clostridium kluyveri	6-carboxyhexanoate Succinyl-CoA			
		YP_001190808.1 BAA03892.1	Metallosphaera sedula Pseudomonas sp	Malonyl-CoA Acetaldehyde, Propionaldehyde, Butyraldehyde,			
				Isobutyraldehyde and Formaldehyde			
10	1.1.1.a	NP_014032.1 NP_417484.1 L21902.1	Saccharymyces cerevisiae Escherichia coli Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	general >C3 Succinate semialdehyde			
10	1.1.1.c	AAK09379.1 AAS20429.1 AAD38039.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum Chloroflexus aurantiacus Simmondsia chinensis	butanoyl-CoA malonyl-CoA long chain acyl-CoA			
10	4.1.1.a	P06672.1 P20906.2 P06169	Zymomonas mobilus Pseudomonas putida Saccharomyces cerevisiae	2-oxopentanoic acid 2-oxopentanoic acid pyruvate			
10	1.1.1.a	NP_014032.1 NP_417484.1	Saccharymyces cerevisiae Escherichia coli	general >C3			
		L21902.1	Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	Succinate semialdehyde			
10	1.2.1.c	NP_415254.1, NP_415255.1, NP_414658.1	Escherichia coli	Alpha-ketoglutarate			
		NP_390283.1, NP_390285.1, NP_390284.1, P21880.1	Bacillus subtilis	2-keto acids derivatives of valine, leucine and isoleucine			
		NP_036914.1, NP_062140.1, NP_445764.1, NP_955417.1	Rattus norvegicus	2-keto acids derivatives of valine, leucine and isoleucine			

### EXAMPLE IX

#### Exemplary BDO Pathways from Glutamate

This example describes exemplary BDO pathways from glutamate.

FIG. 11 depicts exemplary BDO pathways in which glutamate is converted to BDO. Enzymes of such an exemplary BDO pathway are listed in Table 21, along with exemplary genes encoding these enzymes.

Briefly, glutamate can be converted to glutamyl-CoA by glutamate CoA transferase (EC 2.8.3.a), glutamyl-CoA hydrolase (EC 3.1.2.a) or glutamyl-CoA ligase (or glutamyl-CoA synthetase) (EC 6.2.1.a). Alternatively, glutamate can be converted to glutamate-5-phosphate by glutamate 5-kinase (EC 2.7.2.a). Glutamate-5-phosphate can be converted to glutamate-5-semialdehyde by glutamate-5-semialdehyde dehydrogenase (phosphorylating) (EC 1.2.1.d). Glutamyl-CoA can be converted to glutamate-5-semialdehyde by

glutamyl-CoA reductase (or glutamate-5-semialdehyde dehydrogenase) (EC 1.2.1.b). Glutamate-5-semialdehyde can be converted to 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid by glutamate-5-semialdehyde reductase (EC 1.1.1.a). Alternatively, glutamyl-CoA can be converted to 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid by glutamyl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming) (EC 1.1.1.c). 2-Amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid can be converted to 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid by 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid oxidoreductase (deaminating) (EC 1.4.1.a) or 2-amino-5-hydroxypentanoic acid transaminase (EC 2.6.1.a). 5-Hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid can be converted to 4-hydroxybutanal by 5-hydroxy-2oxopentanoic acid decarboxylase (EC 4.1.1.a). 4-Hydroxybutanal can be converted to 1.4-butanediol by 1.4butanediol dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a). Alternatively, 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA by 5-hydroxy-2-oxopentanoic acid dehydrogenase (decarboxylation) (EC 1.2.1.c).

TABLE 21

		BD	O pathway from glo	ıtamate.	
FIG.	EC class	Desired substrate	Desired product	Enzyme name	Gene name
11	2.8.3.a	glutamate	glutamyl-CoA	glutamate CoA transferase	cat1, cat2, cat3
					gctA, gctB atoA, atoD
1	3.1.2.a	glutamate	glutamyl-CoA	glutamyl-CoA	tesB
				hydrolase	410
					acot12 hibch
11	6.2.1.a	glutamate	glutamyl-CoA	glutamyl-CoA	sucCD
				ligase (or glutamyl- CoA synthetase)	
				COA synthetase)	phl
					bioW
.1	2.7.2.a	glutamate	glutamate-5- phosphate	glutamate 5-kinase	ackA
			рповрнисе		buk1
					proB
11	1.2.1.d	glutamate-5- phosphate	glutamate-5- semialdehyde	glutamate-5- semialdehyde	proA
		phosphate	semaraen, ac	dehydrogenase	
				(phosphorylating)	
					asd
.1	1.2.1.b	glutamyl-CoA	glutamate-5-	glutamyl-CoA	gapA sucD
		<i>S</i>	semialdehyde	reductase (or	
				glutamate-5-	
				semialdehyde dehydrogenase)	
				denydrogenase)	Msed_0709
					bphG
.1	1.1.1.a	glutamate-5-	2-amino-5-	glutamate-5-	ADH2
		semialdehyde	hydroxypentanoic acid	semialdehyde reductase	
			aciu	reductase	yqhD
					4hbd
1	1.1.1.c	glutamyl-CoA	2-amino-5- hydroxypentanoic	glutamyl-CoA reductase (alcohol	adhE2
			acid	forming)	
					mer
1.1	1.4.1.a	2-amino-5-	5 harden 2	2-amino-5-	FAR
11	1.4.1.a	hydroxypentanoic	5-hydroxy-2- oxopentanoic	hydroxypentanoic	gdhA
		acid	acid	acid oxidoreductase	
				(deaminating)	
					ldh nadX
1	2.6.1.a	2-amino-5-	5-hydroxy-2-	2-amino-5-	aspC
		hydroxypentanoic	oxopentanoic	hydroxypentanoic	<b>-</b> -
		acid	acid	acid transaminase	A AFF
					AAT2 avtA
1	4.1.1.a	5-hydroxy-2-	4-	5-hydroxy-2-	pdc
		oxopentanoic	hydroxybutanal	oxopentanoic acid	
		acid		decarboxylase	mdlC
					mdiC pdc1
11	1.1.1.a	4-	1,4-butanediol	1,4-butanediol	ADH2
		hydroxybutanal		dehydrogenase	
					yqhD 4bbd
1	1.2.1.c	5-hydroxy-2-	4-	5-hydroxy-2-	4hbd sucA, sucB, lpd
-		oxopentanoic	hydroxybutyryl-	oxopentanoic acid	_ 101 1, 500D, 1pu
		acid	CoA	dehydrogenase	
				(decarboxylation)	hfmDD
					bfmBB, bfmBAA,
					bfmBAB,
					bfmBAB, pdhD
					Bekdha, Bekdhb, Dbt,

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TABLE 21-continued

BDO pathway from glutamate.					
			GenBank ID (if		
	FIG.	EC class	available)	Organism	Known Substrate
	11	2.8.3.a	P38946.1, P38942.2, EDK35586.1	Clostridium kluyveri	succinate, 4- hydroxybutyrate, butyrate
			CAA57199.1, CAA57200.1	Acidaminococcus fermentans	glutarate
			P76459.1, P76458.1	Escherichia coli	butanoate
	11	3.1.2.a	NP_414986	Escherichia coli	adipyl-CoA
		5111210	NP_570103.1	Rattus norvegicus	butyryl-CoA
			Q6NVY1.2	Homo sapiens	3-hydroxypropanoyl- CoA
	11	6.2.1.a	NP_415256.1, AAC73823.1	Escherichia coli	succinate
			CAJ15517.1	Penicillium chrysogenum	phenylacetate
			NP_390902.2	Bacillus subtilis	6-carboxyhexanoate
	11	2.7.2.a	NP_416799.1	Escherichia coli	acetate, propionate
			NP_349675	Clostridium acetobutylicum	butyrate
			NP_414777.1	Escherichia coli	glutamate
	11	1.2.1.d	NP_414778.1	Escherichia coli	L-glutamyl-5- phospate
			NP_417891.1	Escherichia coli	L-4-aspartyl- phosphate
			P0A9B2.2	Escherichia coli	Glyceraldehyde-3- phosphate
	11	1.2.1.b	P38947.1	Clostridium kluyveri	Succinyl-CoA
			YP_001190808.1	Metallosphaera sedula	Malonyl-CoA
			BAA03892.1	Pseudomonas sp	Acetaldehyde, Propionaldehyde, Butyraldehyde, Isobutyraldehyde and Formaldehyde
	11	1.1.1.a	NP_014032.1	Saccharymyces cerevisiae	general
			NP_417484.1	Escherichia coli	>C3
			L21902.1	Clostridium kluyveri	Succinate
				DSM 555	semialdehyde
	11	1.1.1.c	AAK09379.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum	butanoyl-CoA
			AAS20429.1	Chloroflexus aurantiacus	malonyl-CoA
			AAD38039.1	Simmondsia chinensis	long chain acyl-CoA
	11	1.4.1.a	P00370	Escherichia coli	glutamate
			P0A393	Bacillus cereus	leucine, isoleucine, valine, 2-
			NP_229443.1	Thermotoga	aminobutanoate aspartate
	11	2.6.1.a	NP_415448.1	maritima Escherichia coli	aspartate
			P23542.3	Saccharomyces cerevisiae	aspartate
			YP_026231.1	Escherichia coli	valine, alpha- aminobutyrate
	11	4.1.1.a	P06672.1	Zymomonas mobilus	2-oxopentanoic acid
			P20906.2 P06169	Pseudomonas putida Saccharomyces	2-oxopentanoic acid pyruvate
	11	1.1.1.a	NP_014032.1	cerevisiae Saccharymyces	general
			ND 417494 1	cerevisiae Escherichia coli	<b>√C3</b>
			NP_417484.1 L21902.1	Clostridium kluyveri	>C3 Succinate
	11	1210	ND 415254.1	DSM 555 Escherichia coli	semialdehyde
	11	1.2.1.c	NP_415254.1, NP_415255.1,	Escherichia con	Alpha-ketoglutarate
			NP_414658.1 NP_390283.1,	Bacillus subtilis	2-keto acids
				Duciius suviiis	Z-KUU acius
					derivatives of valina
			NP_390285.1, NP_390284.1,		derivatives of valine, leucine and isoleucin

TABLE 21-continued

BDO pathway from glutamate.				
NP_0 NP_4	036914.1, 062140.1, 145764.1, 055417.1	Rattus norvegicus	2-keto acids derivatives of valine, leucine and isoleucine	

## EXAMPLE X

## Exemplary BDO from Acetoacetyl-CoA

This example describes an exemplary BDO pathway from acetoacetvl-CoA.

FIG. 12 depicts exemplary BDO pathways in which acetoacetyl-CoA is converted to BDO. Enzymes of such an exemplary BDO pathway are listed in Table 22, along with exemplary genes encoding these enzymes.

butyryl-CoA by 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a). 3-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA can be converted to croto-

10 noyl-CoA by 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase (EC 4.2.1.a). Crotonoyl-CoA can be converted to vinylacetyl-CoA by vinylacetyl-CoA A-isomerase (EC 5.3.3.3). Vinylacetyl-CoA can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase (EC 4.2.1.a). 4-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA can be converted to 1,4-butanediol by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming) (EC 1.1.1.c). Alternatively, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA can be converted to 4-hydroxybutanal by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA Briefly, acetoacetyl-CoA can be converted to 3-hydroxy- 20 reductase (or 4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase) (EC 1.2.1.b). 4-Hydroxybutanal can be converted to 1,4-butanediol by 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a).

TABLE 22

		BDO pa	thway from acetoac	cetyl-CoA.		
FIG.	. EC class	Desired substrate	Desired product	Enzyme na	me	Gene name
12	1.1.1.a	acetoacetyl- CoA	3- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	3-hydroxyb CoA dehyd		hbd
12	4.2.1.a	3- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	crotonoyl- CoA	3-hydroxyb CoA dehyd		hbd Msed_1423 crt
12	5.3.3.3	crotonoyl-CoA	vinylacetyl- CoA	vinylacetyl- isomerase	-CoA <b>Δ</b> -	maoC paaF abfD
12	4.2.1.a	vinylacetyl- CoA	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	4-hydroxyb CoA dehyd		abfD abfD abfD
12	1.1.1.c	4- hydroxybutyryl-	1,4- butanediol	4-hydroxyb	ase	abfD abfD adhE2
12	1.2.1.b	CoA  4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	4- hydroxybutanal	4-hydroxyb CoA reduct 4-hydroxyb dehydroger	outyryl- case (or outanal	mcr FAR sucD
12	1.1.1.a	4- hydroxybutanal	1,4- butanediol	1,4-butaned	liol	sucD Msed_0709 ADH2 yqhD 4hbd
	FIG. EC c	GenBank ID lass (if available)			Known	Substrate
	12 1.1.1.	a NP_349314  AAM14586.  YP_001191:	acetobutylica 1 Clostridium	beijerinckii	CoA	xybutyryl- xybutyryl- d 3-

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TABLE 22-continued

		BDO pathway	from acetoacetyl-CoA.	
12	4.2.1.a	NP_349318.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum	3-hydroxybutyryl- CoA
		NP_415905.1	Escherichia coli	3-hydroxybutyryl- CoA
		NP_415911.1	Escherichia coli	3-hydroxyadipyl- CoA
12	5.3.3.3	YP_001396399.1	Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA
		P55792	Clostridium aminobutyricum	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA
		YP_001928843	Porphyromonas gingivalis ATCC 33277	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA
12	4.2.1.a	YP_001396399.1	Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA
		P55792	Clostridium aminobutyricum	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA
		YP_001928843	Porphyromonas	4-hydroxybutyryl-
12	1.1.1.c	AAK09379.1	gingivalis ATCC 33277 Clostridium acetobutylicum	CoA butanoyl-CoA
		AAS20429.1	Chloroflexus aurantiacus	malonyl-CoA
12	1.2.1.b	AAD38039.1 P38947.1	Simmondsia chinensis Clostridium kluyveri	long chain acyl-CoA Succinyl-CoA
	1121110	NP_904963.1	Porphyromonas gingivalis	Succinyl-CoA
12	1.1.1.a	YP_001190808.1 NP_014032.1	Metallosphaera sedula Saccharymyces	Malonyl-CoA general
12	111111	NP_417484.1	cerevisiae Escherichia coli	>C3
		NP_41/484.1 L21902.1	Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	Succinate semialdehyde

# EXAMPLE XI

#### Exemplary BDO Pathway from Homoserine

This example describes an exemplary BDO pathway from homoserine.

FIG. 13 depicts exemplary BDO pathways in which homoserine is converted to BDO. Enzymes of such an exemplary BDO pathway are listed in Table 23, along with  40  exemplary genes encoding these enzymes.

Briefly, homoserine can be converted to 4-hydroxybut-2-enoate by homoserine deaminase (EC 4.3.1.a). Alternatively, homoserine can be converted to homoserine-CoA by homoserine CoA transferase (EC 2.8.3.a), homoserine-CoA hydrolase (EC 3.1.2.a) or homoserine-CoA ligase (or homoserine-CoA synthetase) (EC 6.2.1.a). Homoserine-CoA can be converted to 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA by homoserine-CoA deaminase (EC 4.3.1.a). 4-Hydroxybut-2-enoate can be converted to 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA by 4-hydroxybut-

2-enoyl-CoA transferase (EC 2.8.3.a), 4-hydroxybut-2enoyl-CoA hydrolase (EC 3.1.2.a), or 4-hydroxybut-2enoyl-CoA ligase (or 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA synthetase) (EC 6.2.1.a). Alternatively, 4-hydroxybut-2-enoate can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyrate by 4-hydroxybut-2-enoate reductase (EC 1.3.1.a). 4-Hydroxybutyrate can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-coA by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA transferase (EC 2.8.3.a), 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA hydrolase (EC 3.1.2.a), or 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA ligase (or 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA synthetase) (EC 6.2.1.a). 4-Hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA can be converted to 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA by 4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA reductase (EC 1.3.1.a). 4-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA can be converted to 1,4-butanediol by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (alcohol forming) (EC 1.1.1.c). Alternatively, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA can be converted to 4-hydroxybutanal by 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase (or 4-hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase) (EC 1.2.1.b). 4-Hydroxybutanal can be converted to 1,4-butanediol by 1,4-butanediol dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.a).

TABLE 23

	BDO pathway from homoserine.				
FIG.	EC class	Desired substrate	Desired product	Enzyme name	Gene name
13	4.3.1.a	homoserine	4-hydroxybut-2- enoate	homoserine deaminase	aspA
					aspA
					aspA
13	2.8.3.a	homoserine	homoserine-	homoserine CoA	cat1, cat2,
			CoA	transferase	cat3
					gctA, gctB
					atoA, atoD

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TABLE 23-continued

BDO pathway from homoserine.					
13	3.1.2.a	homoserine	homoserine- CoA	homoserine-CoA hydrolase	tesB acot12
13	6.2.1.a	homoserine	homoserine- CoA	homoserine-CoA ligase (or homoserine-CoA synthetase)	hibch sucCD
				synchouse)	phl bioW
13	4.3.1.a	homoserine- CoA	4-hydroxybut-2- enoyl-CoA	homoserine-CoA deaminase	acl1 acl2
13	2.8.3.a	4-hydroxybut- 2-enoate	4-hydroxybut-2- enoyl-CoA	4-hydroxybut-2- enoyl-CoA transferase	MXAN_4385 cat1, cat2, cat3
13	3.1.2.a	4-hydroxybut- 2-enoate	4-hydroxybut-2- enoyl-CoA	4-hydroxybut-2- enoyl-CoA hydrolase	gctA, gctB atoA, atoD tesB
13	6.2.1.a	4-hydroxybut- 2-enoate	4-hydroxybut-2-enoyl-CoA	4-hydroxybut-2- enoyl-CoA ligase (or 4-hydroxybut-2- enoyl-CoA synthetase)	acot12 hibch sucCD
					phl bioW
13	1.3.1.a	4-hydroxybut- 2-enoate	4- hydroxybutyrate	4-hydroxybut-2- enoate reductase	enr
13	2.8.3.a	4- hydroxybutyrate	4- hydroxybutyryl- coA	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA transferase	enr enr cat1, cat2, cat3
			COA		gctA, gctB
13	3.1.2.a	4- hydroxybutyrate	4- hydroxybutyryl- coA	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA hydrolase	atoA, atoD tesB
					acot12 hibch
13	6.2.1.a	4- hydroxybutyrate	4- hydroxybutyryl- coA	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA ligase (or 4- hydroxybutyryl-CoA synthetase)	sucCD
					phl bioW
13	1.3.1.a	4-hydroxybut-2- enoyl-CoA	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	4-hydroxybut-2- enoyl-CoA reductase	bcd, etfA, etfB
8	1.1.1.c	4- hydroxybutyryl-	1,4-butanediol	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA reductase	TER TDE0597 adhE2
		CoA		(alcohol forming)	mcr
8	1.2.1.b	4- hydroxybutyryl- CoA	4- hydroxybutanal	4-hydroxybutyryl- CoA reductase (or 4- hydroxybutanal dehydrogenase)	FAR sucD
8	1.1.1.a	4-hydroxybutanal	1,4-butanediol	1,4-butanediol	sucD Msed_0709 ADH2
				dehydrogenase	yqhD 4hbd

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TABLE 23-continued

BDO pathway from homoserine.					
FIG.	EC class	GenBank ID (if available)	Organism	Known Substrate	
13	4.3.1.a	NP_418562 P44324.1	Escherichia coli Haemophilus influenzae	aspartate aspartate	
		P07346	Pseudomonas fluorescens	aspartate	
13	2.8.3.a	P38946.1, P38942.2, EDK35586.1	Clostridium kluyveri	succinate, 4- hydroxybutyrate, butyrate	
		CAA57199.1, CAA57200.1	Acidaminococcus fermentans	glutarate	
13	3.1.2.a	P76459.1, P76458.1 NP_414986	Escherichia coli Escherichia coli	butanoate adipyl-CoA	
		NP_570103.1 Q6NVY1.2	Rattus norvegicus Homo sapiens	butyryl-CoA 3- hydroxypropanoyl-	
13	6.2.1.a	NP_415256.1,	Escherichia coli	CoA succinate	
		AAC73823.1 CAJ15517.1	Penicillium	phenylacetate	
			chrysogenum		
		NP_390902.2	Bacillus subtilis	6- carboxyhexanoate	
13	4.3.1.a	CAG29274.1	Clostridium propionicum	beta-alanyl-CoA	
		CAG29275.1	Clostridium propionicum	beta-alanyl-CoA	
		YP_632558.1	Myxococcus xanthus	beta-alanyl-CoA	
13	2.8.3.a	P38946.1, P38942.2, EDK35586.1	Clostridium kluyveri	succinate, 4- hydroxybutyrate, butyrate	
		CAA57199.1, CAA57200.1	Acidaminococcus fermentans	glutarate	
12	212-	P76459.1, P76458.1	Escherichia coli	butanoate	
13	3.1.2.a	NP_414986 NP_570103.1 Q6NVY1.2	Escherichia coli Rattus norvegicus Homo sapiens	adipyl-CoA butyryl-CoA 3-	
				hydroxypropanoyl- CoA	
13	6.2.1.a	NP_415256.1, AAC73823.1	Escherichia coli	succinate	
		CAJ15517.1	Penicillium chrysogenum	phenylacetate	
		NP_390902.2	Bacillus subtilis	6- carboxyhexanoate	
13	1.3.1.a	CAA71086.1	Clostridium		
		CAA76083.1 YP_430895.1	tyrobutyricum Clostridium kluyveri Moorella		
13	2.8.3.a	P38946.1, P38942.2,	thermoacetica Clostridium kluyveri	succinate, 4-	
13	2.0.3.4	EDK35586.1	Swariaiam kiuyveri	hydroxybutyrate, butyrate	
		CAA57199.1, CAA57200.1	Acidaminococcus fermentans	glutarate	
13	3.1.2.a	P76459.1, P76458.1 NP_414986	Escherichia coli Escherichia coli	butanoate adipyl-CoA	
15	J.1.2.a	NP_570103.1 Q6NVY1.2	Rattus norvegicus Homo sapiens	butyryl-CoA 3-	
				hydroxypropanoyl- CoA	
13	6.2.1.a	NP_415256.1, AAC73823.1	Escherichia coli	succinate	
		CAJ15517.1	Penicillium chrysogenum	phenylacetate	
		NP_390902.2	Bacillus subtilis	6- carboxyhexanoate	
13	1.3.1.a	NP_349317.1, NP_349315.1, NP_349316.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum		
		Q5EU90.1	Euglena gracilis		

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TABLE 23-continued

BDO pathway from homoserine.				
8	1.1.1.c	AAK09379.1	Clostridium acetobutylicum	butanoyl-CoA
		AAS20429.1	Chloroflexus aurantiacus	malonyl-CoA
		AAD38039.1	Simmondsia chinensis	long chain acyl- CoA
8	1.2.1.b	P38947.1	Clostridium kluyveri	Succinyl-CoA
		NP_904963.1	Porphyromonas gingivalis	Succinyl-CoA
		YP_001190808.1	Metallosphaera sedula	Malonyl-CoA
8	1.1.1.a	NP_014032.1	Saccharymyces cerevisiae	general
		NP_417484.1	Escherichia coli	>C3
		L21902.1	Clostridium kluyveri DSM 555	Succinate semialdehyde

#### EXAMPLE XII

#### BDO Producing Strains Expressing Succinyl-CoA Synthetase

This example describes increased production of BDO in BDO producing strains expressing succinyl-CoA synthetase.  25 

As discussed above, succinate can be a precursor for production of BDO by conversion to succinyl-CoA (see also WO2008/115840, WO 2009/023493, U.S. publication 2009/0047719, U.S. publication 2009/0075351). Therefore, the host strain was genetically modified to overexpress the *E. coli* sucCD genes, which encode succinyl-CoA synthetase. The nucleotide sequence of the *E. coli* sucCD operon is shown in FIG. 14A, and the amino acid sequences for the encoded succinyl-CoA synthetase subunits are shown in FIGS. 14B and 14C. Briefly, the *E. coli* sucCD genes were cloned by PCR from *E. coli* chromosomal DNA and introduced into multicopy plasmids pZS*13, pZA13, and pZE33 behind the PA11acO-1 promoter (Lutz and Bujard, *Nucleic Acids Res.* 25:1203-1210 (1997)) using standard molecular biology procedures.

The *E. coli* sucCD genes, which encode the succinyl-CoA synthetase, were overexpressed. The results showed that introducing into the strains sucCD to express succinyl-CoA synthetase improved BDO production in various strains compared to either native levels of expression or expression of cat1, which is a succinyl-CoA/acetyl-CoA transferase. Thus, BDO production was improved by overexpressing the native *E. coli* sucCD genes encoding succinyl-CoA synthetase.

## EXAMPLE XIII

## Expression of Heterologous Genes Encoding BDO Pathway Enzymes

This example describes the expression of various nonnative pathway enzymes to provide improved production of BDO.

Alpha-Ketoglutarate Decarboxylase.

The *Mycobacterium bovis* sucA gene encoding alphaketoglutarate decarboxylase was expressed in host strains. Overexpression of *M. bovis* sucA improved BDO production (see also WO2008/115840, WO 2009/023493, U.S. publication 2009/0047719, U.S. publication 2009/0075351). The nucleotide and amino acid sequences of *M. bovis* sucA and 65 the encoded alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase are shown in FIG. **15**.

To construct the *M. bovis* sucA expressing strains, fragments of the sucA gene encoding the alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase were amplified from the genomic DNA of *Mycobacterium bovis* BCG (ATCC 19015; American Type Culture Collection, Manassas Va.) using primers shown below. The full-length gene was assembled by ligation reaction of the four amplified DNA fragments, and cloned into expression vectors pZS*13 and pZE23 behind the P_{AllacO-1} promoter (Lutz and Bujard, *Nucleic Acids Res.* 25:1203-1210 (1997)). The nucleotide sequence of the assembled gene was verified by DNA sequencing.

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Primers for fragment 1:
                                (SEQ ID NO: 3)
5'-ATGTACCGCAAGTTCCGC-3'
                                (SEQ ID NO: 4)
5'-CAATTTGCCGATGCCCAG-3'
Primers for fragment 2:
                                (SEQ ID NO: 5)
5'-GCTGACCACTGAAGACTTTG-3'
                                (SEQ ID NO: 6)
5'-GATCAGGGCTTCGGTGTAG-3'
Primers for fragment 3:
                                (SEQ ID NO: 7)
5'-TTGGTGCGGGCCAAGCAGGATCTGCTC-3'
                                (SEQ ID NO: 8)
5'-TCAGCCGAACGCCTCGTCGAGGATCTCCTG-3'
Primers for fragment 4:
                                (SEO ID NO: 9)
5'-TGGCCAACATAAGTTCACCATTCGGGCAAAAC-3'
                               (SEO ID NO: 10)
5'-TCTCTTCAACCAGCCATTCGTTTTGCCCG-3
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Functional expression of the alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase was demonstrated using both in vitro and in vivo assays. The SucA enzyme activity was measured by following a previously reported method (Tian et al.,  $Proc.\ Natl.\ Acad.\ Sci.\ USA\ 102:10670-10675\ (2005))$ ). The reaction mixture contained 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer, pH 7.0, 0.2 mM thiamine pyrophosphate, 1 mM MgCl₂, 0.8 mM ferricyanide, 1 mM alpha-ketoglutarate and cell crude lysate. The enzyme activity was monitored by the reduction of ferricyanide at 430 nm. The in vivo function of the SucA enzyme was verified using  $E.\ coli$  whole-cell culture. Single colonies of  $E.\ coli\ MG1655\ lacI^q$  transformed with plasmids encoding the SucA enzyme and the 4-hydroxybutyrate dehy-

drogenase (4Hbd) was inoculated into 5 mL of LB medium containing appropriate antibiotics. The cells were cultured at 37° C. overnight aerobically. A 200 uL of this overnight culture was introduced into 8 mL of M9 minimal medium  $(6.78 \text{ g/L Na}_2\text{HPO}_4, 3.0 \text{ g/L KH}_2\text{PO}_4, 0.5 \text{ g/L NaCl}, 1.0 \text{ g/L})$ NH₄C1, 1 mM MgSO₄, 0.1 mM CaCl₂) supplemented with 20 g/L glucose, 100 mM 3-(N-morpholino)propanesulfonic acid (MOPS) to improve the buffering capacity, 10 µg/mL thiamine, and the appropriate antibiotics. Microaerobic conditions were established by initially flushing capped anaerobic bottles with nitrogen for 5 minutes, then piercing the septum with a 23G needle following inoculation. The needle was kept in the bottle during growth to allow a small amount of air to enter the bottles. The protein expression was induced with 0.2 mM isopropyl β-D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG) when the culture reached mid-log growth phase. As controls, E. coli MG1655 lacI^q strains transformed with only the plasmid encoding the 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase and only the empty vectors were cultured under the same condition (see Table 23). The accumulation of 4-hydroxybutyrate (4HB) in the culture medium was monitored using LCMS method. Only the E. coli strain expressing the Mycobacterium alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase produced significant amount of 4HB (see FIG. 16).

TABLE 24

Three strains containing various p	olasmid controls an	d encoding sucA and
4-hydroxybuty	rate dehydrogenas	Э.
Host	pZE13	pZA33

	Host	pZE13	pZA33
1	MG1655 laclq	vector	vector
2	MG1655 laclq	vector	4hbd
3	MG1655 laclq	sucA	4hbd

A separate experiment demonstrated that the alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase pathway functions independently of the reductive TCA cycle. E. coli strain ECKh-401 (ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh ΔarcA) was used as the host strain (see Table 25). All the three constructs 40 contained the gene encoding 4HB dehydrogenase (4Hbd). Construct 1 also contained the gene encoding the alphaketoglutarate decarboxylase (sucA). Construct 2 contained the genes encoding the succinyl-CoA synthetase (sucCD) and the CoA-dependent succinate semialdehyde dehydroge- 45 nase (sucD), which are required for the synthesis of 4HB via the reductive TCA cycle. Construct 3 contains all the genes from 1 and 2. The three E. coli strains were cultured under the same conditions as described above except the second culture was under the microaerobic condition. By expressing 50 the SucA enzyme, construct 3 produced more 4HB than construct 2, which relies on the reductive TCA cycle for 4HB synthesis (see FIG. 17).

Further support for the contribution of alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase to production of 4HB and BDO was provided 55 by flux analysis experiments. Cultures of ECKh-432, which contains both sucCD-sucD and sucA on the chromosome, were grown in M9 minimal medium containing a mixture of 1-13C-glucose (60%) and U-13C-glucose (40%). The biomass was harvested, the protein isolated and hydrolyzed to 60 amino acids, and the label distribution of the amino acids analyzed by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) as described previously (Fischer and Sauer, *Eur. J. Biochem.* 270:880-891 (2003)). In addition, the label distribution of the secreted 4HB and BDO was analyzed by 65 GCMS as described in WO2008115840 A2. This data was used to calculate the intracellular flux distribution using

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established methods (Suthers et al., *Metab. Eng.* 9:387-405 (2007)). The results indicated that between 56% and 84% of the alpha-ketoglutarate was channeled through alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase into the BDO pathway. The remainder was oxidized by alpha-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase, which then entered BDO via the succinyl-CoA route.

These results demonstrate 4-hydroxybutyrate producing strains that contain the sucA gene from *Mycobacterium bovis* BCG expressed on a plasmid. When the plasmid encoding this gene is not present, 4-hydroxybutyrate production is negligible when sucD (CoA-dependant succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase) is not expressed. The *M. bovis* gene is a close homolog of the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* gene whose enzyme product has been previously characterized (Tian et al., supra, 2005).

Succinate Semialdehyde Dehydrogenase (CoA-Dependent), 4-Hydroxybutyrate Dehydrogenase, and 4-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA/Acetyl-CoA Transferase.

The genes from *Porphyromonas gingivalis* W83 can be effective components of the pathway for 1,4-butanediol production (see also WO2008/115840, WO 2009/023493, U.S. publication 2009/0047719, U.S. publication 2009/0075351). The nucleotide sequence of CoA-dependent succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase (sucD) from *Porphyromonas gingivalis* is shown in FIG. **18**A, and the encoded amino acid sequence is shown in FIG. **18**B. The nucleotide sequence of 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase (4hbd) from *Porphyromonas gingivalis* is shown in FIG. **19**A, and the encoded amino acid sequence is shown in FIG. **19**B. The nucleotide sequence of 4-hydroxybutyrate CoA transferase (cat2) from *Porphyromonas gingivalis* is shown in FIG. **20**A, and the encoded amino acid sequence is shown in FIG. **20**B.

Briefly, the genes from *Porphyromonas gingivalis* W83 encoding succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase (CoA-dependent) and 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase, and in some cases additionally 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA/acetyl-CoA, were cloned by PCR from *P. gingivalis* chromosomal DNA and introduced into multicopy plasmids pZS*13, 40 pZA13, and pZE33 behind the PA1lacO-1 promoter (Lutz and Bujard, *Nucleic Acids Res.* 25:1203-1210 (1997)) using standard molecular biology procedures. These plasmids were then introduced into host strains.

The *Porphyromonas gingivalis* W83 genes were introduced into production strains as described above. Some strains included only succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase (CoA-dependant) and 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase without 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA/acetyl-CoA transferase.

Butyrate Kinase and Phosphotransbutyrylase.

Butyrate kinase (BK) and phosphotransbutyrylase (PTB) enzymes can be utilized to produce 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA (see also WO2008/115840, WO 2009/023493, U.S. publication 2009/0047719, U.S. publication 2009/0075351). In particular, the *Clostridium acetobutylicum* genes, buk1 and ptb, can be utilized as part of a functional BDO pathway.

Initial experiments involved the cloning and expression of the native *C. acetobutylicum* PTB (020) and BK (021) genes in *E. coli*. Where required, the start codon and stop codon for each gene were modified to "ATG" and "TAA," respectively, for more optimal expression in *E. coli*. The *C. acetobutylicum* gene sequences (020N and 021N) and their corresponding translated peptide sequences are shown in FIGS. 21 and 22.

The PTB and BK genes exist in *C. acetobutylicum* as an operon, with the PTB (020) gene expressed first. The two genes are connected by the sequence "atta aagttaagtg gag-

gaatgtt aac" (SEQ ID NO:11) that includes a re-initiation ribosomal binding site for the downstream BK (021) gene. The two genes in this context were fused to lac-controlled promoters in expression vectors for expression in *E. coli* (Lutz and Bujard, *Nucleic Acids Res.* 25:1203-1210 (1997)).

Expression of the two proteins from these vector constructs was found to be low in comparison with other exogenously expressed genes due to the high incidence of codons in the C. acetobutylicum genes that occur only rarely in E. coli. Therefore new 020 and 021 genes were predicted that changed rare codons for alternates that are more highly represented in E. coli gene sequences. This method of codon optimization followed algorithms described previously (Sivaraman et al., Nucleic Acids Res. 36:e16 (2008)). This 15 method predicts codon replacements in context with their frequency of occurrence when flanked by certain codons on either side. Alternative gene sequences for 020 (FIG. 23) and 021 (FIG. 24) were determined in which increasing numbers of rare codons were replaced by more prevalent codons 20 (A<B<C<D) based on their incidence in the neighboring codon context. No changes in actual peptide sequence compared to the native 020 and 021 peptide sequences were introduced in these predicted sequences.

The improvement in expression of the BK and PTB 25 proteins resulting from codon optimization is shown in FIG. **25**A. Expression of the native gene sequences is shown in lane 2, while expression of the 020B-021B and 020C-021C is shown in lanes 3 and 4, respectively. Higher levels of protein expression in the codon-optimized operons 020B-021B (2021B) and 020C-021C (2021C) also resulted in increased activity compared to the native operon (2021n) in equivalently-expressed *E. coli* crude extracts (FIG. **25**B).

The codon optimized operons were expressed on a plasmid in strain ECKh-432 (ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA:: 35 K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh ΔarcA gltAR163L fimD:: E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd fimD:: M. bovis sucA, C. kluyveri 4hbd) along with the C. acetobutylicum aldehyde dehydrogenase to provide a complete BDO pathway. Cells were cultured in M9 minimal medium containing 20 g/L 40 glucose, using a 23G needle to maintain microaerobic conditions as described above. The resulting conversion of glucose to the final product BDO was measured. Also measured was the accumulation of gamma-butyrolactone (GBL), which is a spontaneously rearranged molecule 45 derived from 4Hb-CoA, the immediate product of the PTB-BK enzyme pair. FIG. 26 shows that expression of the native 2021n operon resulted in comparable BDO levels to an alternative enzyme function, Cat2 (034), that is capable of converting 4HB and free CoA to 4HB-CoA. GBL levels of 50 034 were significantly higher than 2021n, suggesting that the former enzyme has more activity than PTB-BK expressed from the native genes. However levels of both BDO and GBL were higher than either 034 or 2021n when the codon-optimized variants 2021B and 2021C were 55 expressed, indicating that codon optimization of the genes for PTB and BK significantly increases their contributions to BDO synthesis in *E. coli*.

These results demonstrate that butyrate kinase (BK) and phosphotransbutyrylase (PTB) enzymes can be employed to 60 convert 4-hydroxybutyrate to 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA. This eliminates the need for a transferase enzyme such as 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA/Acetyl-CoA transferase, which would generate one mole of acetate per mol of 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA produced. The enzymes from *Clostridium acetobutylicum* are present in a number of engineered strains for BDO production.

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4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA Reductase.

The *Clostridium beijerinckii* ald gene can be utilized as part of a functional BDO pathway (see also WO2008/115840, WO 2009/023493, U.S. publication 2009/0047719, U.S. publication 2009/0075351). The *Clostridium beijerinckii* ald can also be utilized to lower ethanol production in BDO producing strains. Additionally, a specific codonoptimized ald variant (GNM0025B) was found to improve BDO production.

The native C. beijerinckii ald gene (025n) and the predicted protein sequence of the enzyme are shown in FIG. 27. As was seen for the Clostridium acetobutylicum PTB and BK genes, expression of the native C. beijerinckii ald gene was very low in E. coli. Therefore, four codon-optimized variants for this gene were predicted. FIGS. 28A-28D show alternative gene sequences for 025, in which increasing numbers of rare codons are replaced by more prevalent codons (A<B<C<D) based on their incidence in the neighboring codon context (25A, P=0.05; 25B, P=0.1; 25C, P=0.15; 25D, P=1). No changes in actual peptide sequence compared to the native 025 peptide sequence were introduced in these predictions. Codon optimization significantly increased expression of the C. beijerinckii ald (see FIG. 29), which resulted in significantly higher conversion of glucose to BDO in cells expressing the entire BDO pathway (FIG. 30A).

The native and codon-optimized genes were expressed on a plasmid along with P. gingivalis Cat2, in the host strain ECKh-432 (ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh ΔarcA gltAR163L ΔackA fimD:: E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd fimD:: M. bovis sucA, C. kluyveri 4hbd), thus containing a complete BDO pathway. Cells were cultured microaerobically in M9 minimal medium containing 20 g/L glucose as described above. The relative production of BDO and ethanol by the C. beijerinckii Ald enzyme (expressed from codon-optimized variant gene 025B) was compared with the C. acetobutylicum AdhE2 enzyme (see FIG. 30B). The C. acetobutylicum AdhE2 enzyme (002C) produced nearly 4 times more ethanol than BDO. In comparison, the C. beijerinckii Ald (025B) (in conjunction with an endogenous ADH activity) produced equivalent amounts of BDO, yet the ratio of BDO to ethanol production was reversed for this enzyme compared to 002C. This suggests that the C. beijerinckii Ald is more specific for 4HB-CoA over acetyl-coA than the C. acetobutylicum AdhE2, and therefore the former is the preferred enzyme for inclusion in the BDO pathway.

The Clostridium beijerinckii ald gene (Toth et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 65:4973-4980 (1999)) was tested as a candidate for catalyzing the conversion of 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to 4-hydroxybutanal. Over fifty aldehyde dehydrogenases were screened for their ability to catalyze the conversion of 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to 4-hydroxybutyraldehyde. The C. beijerinckii ald gene was chosen for implementation into BDO-producing strains due to the preference of this enzyme for 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA as a substrate as opposed to acetyl-CoA. This is important because most other enzymes with aldehyde dehydrogenase functionality (for example, adhE2 from C. acetobutylicum (Fontaine et al., J Bacteriol. 184:821-830 (2002)) preferentially convert acetyl-CoA to acetaldehyde, which in turn is converted to ethanol. Utilization of the C. beijerinckii gene lowers the amount of ethanol produced as a byproduct in BDO-producing organisms. Also, a codon-optimized version of this gene expresses very well in E. coli (Sivaraman et al., Nucleic Acids Res. 36:e16 (2008)).

4-hydroxybutanal Reductase.

4-hydroxybutanal reductase activity of adh1 from Geobacillus thermoglucosidasius (M10EXG) was utilized. This led to improved BDO production by increasing 4-hydroxybutanal reductase activity over endogenous levels.

Multiple alcohol dehydrogenases were screened for their ability to catalyze the reduction of 4-hydroxybutanal to BDO. Most alcohol dehydrogenases with high activity on butyraldehyde exhibited far lower activity on 4-hydroxybutyraldehyde. One notable exception is the adh1 gene from 10 Geobacillus thermoglucosidasius M10EXG (Jeon et al., J. Biotechnol. 135:127-133 (2008)) (GNM0084), which exhibits high activity on both 4-hydroxybutanal and butanal.

The native gene sequence and encoded protein sequence if the adh1 gene from Geobacillus thermoglucosidasius are 15 shown in FIG. 31. The G. thermoglucosidasius ald1 gene was expressed in E. coli.

The Adh1 enzyme (084) expressed very well from its native gene in E. coli (see FIG. 32A). In ADH enzyme assays, the E. coli expressed enzyme showed very high 20 reductive activity when butyraldehyde or 4HB-aldehyde were used as the substrates (see FIG. 32B). The Km values determined for these substrates were 1.2 mM and 4.0 mM, respectively. These activity values showed that the Adh1 enzyme was the most active on reduction of 4HB-aldehyde 25 of all the candidates tested.

The 084 enzyme was tested for its ability to boost BDO production when coupled with the C. beijerinckii ald. The 084 gene was inserted behind the C. beijerinckii ald variant 025B gene to create a synthetic operon that results in 30 coupled expression of both genes. Similar constructs linked 025B with other ADH candidate genes, and the effect of including each ADH with 025B on BDO production was tested. The host strain used was ECKh-459 (ΔadhE ldhA ΔlpdA::fnr-pflB6-K.p.lpdA322  $\Delta$ mdh ∆arcA 35 gltAR163L fimD:: E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd fimD:: M. bovis sucA, C. kluyveri 4hbd fimD:: C. acetobutylicum buk1, C. acetobutylicum ptb), which contains the remainder of the BDO pathway on the chromosome. The 084 ADH expressed in conjunction with 40 025B showed the highest amount of BDO (right arrow in FIG. 33) when compared with 025B only (left arrow in FIG. 33) and in conjunction with endogenous ADH functions. It also produced more BDO than did other ADH enzymes when paired with 025B, indicated as follows: 026A-C, 45 codon-optimized variants of Clostridium acetobutylicum butanol dehydrogenase; 050, Zymomonas mobilis alcohol dehydrogenase I; 052, Citrobacter freundii 1,3-propanediol dehydrogenase; 053, Lactobacillus brevis 1,3-propanediol dehydrogenase; 057, Bacteroides fragilis lactaldehyde 50 reductase; 058, E. coli 1,3-propanediol dehydrogenase; 071, Bacillus subtilis 168 alpha-ketoglutarate semialdehyde dehydrogenase. The constructs labeled "PT5lacO" are those in which the genes are driven by the PT5lacO promoter. In shows that inclusion of the 084 ADH in the BDO pathway increased BDO production.

## EXAMPLE XIV

# BDO Producing Strains Expressing Pyruvate Dehydrogenase

This example describes the utilization of pyruvate dehydrogenase (PDH) to enhance BDO production. Heterolo- 65 gous expression of the Klebsiella pneumonia lpdA gene was used to enhance BDO production.

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Computationally, the NADH-generating conversion of pyruvate to acetyl-CoA is required to reach the maximum theoretical yield of 1,4-butanediol (see also WO2008/ 115840, WO 2009/023493, U.S. publication 2009/0047719, U.S. publication 2009/0075351; WO 2008/018930; Kim et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 73:1766-1771 (2007); Kim et al., J. Bacteriol. 190:3851-3858 (2008); Menzel et al., J. Biotechnol. 56:135-142 (1997)). Lack of PDH activity was shown to reduce the maximum anaerobic theoretical yield of BDO by 11% if phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (PEPCK) activity cannot be attained and by 3% if PEPCK activity can be attained. More importantly, however, absence of PDH activity in the OptKnock strain #439, described in WO 2009/023493 and U.S. publication 2009/0047719, which has the knockout of ADHEr, ASPT, LDH D, MDH and PFLi, would reduce the maximum anaerobic yield of BDO by 54% or by 43% if PEPCK activity is absent or present, respectively. In the presence of an external electron acceptor, lack of PDH activity would reduce the maximum yield of the knockout strain by 10% or by 3% assuming that PEPCK activity is absent or present, respectively.

PDH is one of the most complicated enzymes of central metabolism and is comprised of 24 copies of pyruvate decarboxylase (E1) and 12 molecules of dihydrolipoyl dehydrogenase (E3), which bind to the outside of the dihydrolipoyl transacetylase (E2) core. PDH is inhibited by high NADH/NAD, ATP/ADP, and Acetyl-CoA/CoA ratios. The enzyme naturally exhibits very low activity under oxygenlimited or anaerobic conditions in organisms such as E. coli due in large part to the NADH sensitivity of E3, encoded by lpdA. To this end, an NADH-insensitive version of the lpdA gene from Klebsiella pneumonia was cloned and expressed to increase the activity of PDH under conditions where the NADH/NAD ratio is expected to be high.

Replacement of the Native 1pdA.

The pyruvate dehydrogenase operon of Klebsiella pneumoniae is between 78 and 95% identical at the nucleotide level to the equivalent operon of E. coli. It was shown previously that K. pneumoniae has the ability to grow anaerobically in presence of glycerol (Menzel et al., J. Biotechnol. 56:135-142 (1997); Menzel et al., Biotechnol. Bioeng. 60:617-626 (1998)). It has also been shown that two mutations in the lpdA gene of the operon of E. coli would increase its ability to grow anaerobically (Kim et al. Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 73:1766-1771 (2007); Kim et al., J. Bacteriol. 190:3851-3858 (2008)). The 1pdA gene of K. pneumonia was amplified by PCR using genomic DNA (ATCC700721D) as template and the primers KP-lpdA-Bam (5'-acacgeggatccaacgtccegg-3') (SEQ ID NO:12) and KPlpdA-Nhe (5'-agcggctccgctagccgcttatg-3') (SEQ ID NO:13). The resulting fragment was cloned into the vector pCR-BluntII-TOPO (Invitrogen; Carlsbad Calif.), leading to plasmid pCR-KP-lpdA.

The chromosomal gene replacement was performed using all other cases, the PAllacO-1 promoter was used. This 55 a non-replicative plasmid and the sacB gene from Bacillus subtilis as a means of counterselection (Gay et al., J. Bacteriol. 153:1424-1431 (1983)). The vector used is pRE118 (ATCC87693) deleted of the oriT and IS sequences, which is 3.6 kb in size and carrying the kanamycin resis-60 tance gene. The sequence was confirmed, and the vector was called pRE118-V2 (see FIG. 34).

The E. coli fragments flanking the lpdA gene were amplified by PCR using the combination of primers: EC-aceF-Pst (5'-aagccgttgctgcagctcttgagc-3') (SEQ ID NO:14)+ECaceF-Bam2 (5'-atctccggcggtcggatccgtcg-3') (SEQ ID NO:15) and EC-yacH-Nhe (5'-aaagcggctagccacgccgc-3') (SEQ ID NO:16)+EC-yacH-Kpn (5'-attacacgaggtacccaacg-

3') (SEQ ID NO:17). A BamHI-XbaI fragment containing the lpdA gene of K. pneumonia was isolated from plasmid pCR-KP-lpdA and was then ligated to the above E. coli fragments digested with PstI+BamHI and NheI-KpnI respectively, and the pRE118-V2 plasmid digested with 5 KpnI and PstI. The resulting plasmid (called pRE118-M2.1 lpdA yac) was subjected to Site Directed Mutagenesis (SDM) using the combination of primers KP-lpdA-HisTyr-F (5'-atgctggcgtacaaaggtgtcc-3') (SEQ ID NO:18) and (5'ggacacctttgtacgccagcat-3') (SEQ ID NO:19) for the muta- 10 tion of the His 322 residue to a Tyr residue or primers KP-lpdA-GluLys-F (5'-ategectacactaaaccagaagtgg-3') (SEQ ID NO:20) and KP-lpdA-GluLys-R (5'-ccacttctggtttagtgtaggcgat-3') (SEQ ID NO:21) for the mutation of the residue Glu 354 to Lys residue. PCR was performed with the 15 Polymerase Pfu Turbo (Stratagene; San Diego Calif.). The sequence of the entire fragment as well as the presence of only the desired mutations was verified. The resulting plasmid was introduced into electro competent cells of E. coli ΔadhE::Frt-ΔldhA::Frt by transformation. The first integra- 20 tion event in the chromosome was selected on LB agar plates containing Kanamycin (25 or 50 mg/L). Correct insertions were verified by PCR using 2 primers, one located outside the region of insertion and one in the kanamycin gene (5'-aggcagttccataggatggc-3') (SEQ ID NO:22). Clones with 25 the correct insertion were selected for resolution. They were sub-cultured twice in plain liquid LB at the desired temperature and serial dilutions were plated on LB-no saltsucrose 10% plates. Clones that grew on sucrose containing plates were screened for the loss of the kanamycin resistance 30 gene on LB-low salt agar medium and the lpdA gene replacement was verified by PCR and sequencing of the encompassing region. Sequence of the insertion region was verified, and is as described below. One clone (named 4-4-P1) with mutation Glu354Lys was selected. This clone 35 was then transduced with P1 lysate of E. coli ΔPflB::Frt leading to strain ECKh-138 (ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA:: K.p.lpdA322).

The sequence of the ECKh-138 region encompassing the aceF and lpdA genes is shown in FIG. **35**. The *K. pneumonia* 40 *lpdA gene is underlined, and the codon changed in the Glu*354Lys mutant shaded. The protein sequence comparison of the native *E. coli* lpdA and the mutant *K. pneumonia* lpdA is shown in FIG. **36**.

To evaluate the benefit of using *K. pneumoniae* lpdA in a 45 BDO production strain, the host strains AB3 and ECKh-138 were transformed with plasmids expressing the entire BDO pathway from strong, inducible promoters. Specifically, *E. coli* sucCD, *P. gingivalis* sucD, *P. gingivalis* 4hbd were expressed on the medium copy plasmid pZA33, and *P. 50 gingivalis* Cat2 and *C. acetobutylicum* AdhE2 were expressed on the high copy plasmid pZE13. These plasmids have been described in the literature (Lutz and H. Bujard, *Nucleic Acids Res* 25:1203-1210 (1997)), and their use for BDO pathway expression is described in Example XIII and 55 WO2008/115840.

Cells were grown anaerobically at 37° C. in M9 minimal medium (6.78 g/L  $Na_2HPO_4$ , 3.0 g/L  $KH_2PO_4$ , 0.5 g/L NaCl, 1.0 g/L  $NH_4Cl$ , 1 mM  $MgSO_4$ , 0.1 mM  $CaCl_2$ ) supplemented with 20 g/L glucose, 100 mM 3-(N-morpholino)propanesulfonic acid (MOPS) to improve the buffering capacity, 10  $\mu$ g/mL thiamine, and the appropriate antibiotics. Microaerobic conditions were established by initially flushing capped anaerobic bottles with nitrogen for 5 minutes, then piercing the septum with a 23G needle 65 following inoculation. The needle was kept in the bottle during growth to allow a small amount of air to enter the

bottles. 0.25 mM IPTG was added when OD600 reached approximately 0.2 to induce the pathway genes, and samples taken for analysis every 24 hours following induction. The culture supernatants were analyzed for BDO, 4HB, and other byproducts as described in Example II and in WO2008/115840. BDO and 4HB production in ECKh-138 was significantly higher after 48 hours than in AB3 or the host used in previous work, MG1655  $\Delta$ IdhA (FIG. 37).

PDH Promoter Replacement.

It was previously shown that the replacement of the pdhR repressor by a transcriptional fusion containing the Fnr binding site, one of the pflB promoters, and its ribosome binding site (RBS), thus leading to expression of the aceEFlpd operon by an anaerobic promoter, should increase pdh activity anaerobically (Zhou et al., Biotechnol. Lett. 30:335-342 (2008)). A fusion containing the Fnr binding site, the pflB-p6 promoter and an RBS binding site were constructed by overlapping PCR. Two fragments were amplified, one using the primers aceE-upstream-RC (5'-tgacatgtaacacctaccttctgtgcctgtgccagtggttgctgtgatatagaag-3') (SEO ID NO:23) and pflBp6-Up-Nde (5'-ataataatacatatgaaccatgcgagttacgggcctataagccaggcg-3') (SEQ ID NO:24) and the other using primers aceE-EcoRV-EC (5'-agtttttcgatatctgcatcagacaccggcacattgaaacgg-3') (SEQ ID NO:25) and aceE-upstream (5'-ctggcacaggcacagaaggtaggtgttacatgtcagaacgtttacacaatgacgtggatc-3') (SEQ ID NO:26). The tw fragments were assembled by overlapping PCR, and the final DNA fragment was digested with the restriction enzymes NdeI and BamHI. This fragment was subsequently introduced upstream of the aceE gene of the E. coli operon using pRE118-V2 as described above. The replacement was done in strains ECKh-138 and ECKh-422. The nucleotide sequence encompassing the 5' region of the aceE gene was verified and is shown in FIG. 37. FIG. 37 shows the nucleotide sequence of 5' end of the aceE gene fused to the pflB-p6 promoter and ribosome binding site (RBS). The 5' italicized sequence shows the start of the aroP gene, which is transcribed in the opposite direction from the pdh operon. The 3' italicized sequence shows the start of the aceE gene. In upper case: pflB RBS. Underlined: FNR binding site. In bold: pflB-p6 promoter sequence.

lpdA Promoter Replacement.

The promoter region containing the fnr binding site, the pflB-p6 promoter and the RBS of the pflB gene was amplified by PCR using chromosomal DNA template and primers aceF-pflBp6-fwd (5'-agacaaatcggttgccgtttgttaagccaggcgagatatgatctatatc-3') (SEO ID NO:27) and lpdA-RBS-B-rev (5'gagttttgatttcagtactcatcatgtaacacctaccttcttgctgtgatatag-3') (SEQ ID NO:28). Plasmid 2-4a was amplified by PCR using primers B-RBS-lpdA fwd (5'-ctatatcacagcaagaaggtaggtgttacatgatgagtactgaaatcaaaactc-3') (SEQ ID NO:29) and pflBp6aceF-rev (5'-gatatagatcatatctcgcctggcttaacaaacggcaaccgatttgtct-3') (SEQ ID NO:30). The two resulting fragments were assembled using the BPS cloning kit (BPS Bioscience; San Diego Calif.). The resulting construct was sequenced verified and introduced into strain ECKh-439 using the pRE118-V2 method described above. The nucleotide sequence encompassing the aceF-lpdA region in the resulting strain ECKh-456 is shown in FIG. 39.

The host strain ECKh-439 (ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA:: K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh ΔarcA gltAR163L ackA fimD:: *E. coli* sucCD, *P. gingivalis* sucD, *P. gingivalis* 4hbd fimD:: *M. bovis* sucA, *C. kluyveri* 4hbd), the construction of which is described below, and the pdhR and lpdA promoter replacement derivatives ECKh-455 and ECKh-456, were tested for BDO production. The strains were transformed with pZS*13 containing *P. gingivalis* Cat2 and *C. beijerinckii* Ald to

provide a complete BDO pathway. Cells were cultured in M9 minimal medium supplemented with 20 g/L glucose as described above. 48 hours after induction with 0.2 mM IPTG, the concentrations of BDO, 4HB, and pyruvate were as shown in FIG. 40. The promoter replacement strains 5 produce slightly more BDO than the isogenic parent.

These results demonstrated that expression of pyruvate dehydrogenase increased production of BDO in BDO producing strains.

# EXAMPLE XV

## BDO Producing Strains Expressing Citrate Synthase and Aconitase

This example describes increasing activity of citrate synthase and aconitase to increase production of BDO. An R163L mutation into gltA was found to improve BDO production. Additionally, an arcA knockout was used to 20 improve BDO production.

Computationally, it was determined that flux through citrate synthase (CS) and aconitase (ACONT) is required to reach the maximum theoretical yield of 1,4-butanediol (see also WO2008/115840, WO 2009/023493, U.S. publication ²⁵ 2009/0047719, U.S. publication 2009/0075351). Lack of CS or ACONT activity would reduce the maximum theoretical yield by 14% under anaerobic conditions. In the presence of an external electron acceptor, the maximum yield is reduced 30 by 9% or by 6% without flux through CS or ACONT assuming the absence or presence of PEPCK activity, respectively. As with pyruvate dehydrogenase (PDH), the importance of CS and ACONT is greatly amplified in the knockout strain background in which ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH and PFLi are knocked out (design #439)(see WO 2009/023493 and U.S. publication 2009/0047719, which is incorporated herein by reference).

The minimal OptKnock strain design described in WO 2009/023493 and U.S. publication 2009/0047719 had one additional deletion beyond ECKh-138, the mdh gene, encoding malate dehydrogenase. Deletion of this gene is intended to prevent flux to succinate via the reductive TCA cycle. The mdh deletion was performed using the  $\lambda$  red homologeous recombination method (Datsenko and Wanner, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 97:6640-6645 (2000)). The following oligonucleotides were used to PCR amplify the chloramphenicol resistance gene (CAT) flanked by FRT sites from pKD3:

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PCR product was designed so that it integrated into the ECKh-138 genome at a region upstream of the mdh gene, as shown in FIG. 41.

Recombinants were selected for chloramphenicol resistance and streak purified. Loss of the mdh gene and insertion of CAT was verified by diagnostic PCR. To remove the CAT gene, a temperature sensitive plasmid pCP20 containing a FLP recombinase (Datsenko and Wanner, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 97:6640-6645 (2000)) was transformed into the cell at 30° C. and selected for ampicillin resistance (AMP). Transformants were grown nonselectively at 42° C. overnight to thermally induce FLP synthesis and to cause lose of the plasmid. The culture was then streak purified, and individual colonies were tested for loss of all antibiotic resistances. The majority lost the FRT-flanked resistance gene and the FLP helper plasmid simultaneously. There was also a "FRT" scar leftover. The resulting strain was named ECKh-172.

CS and ACONT are not highly active or highly expressed under anaerobic conditions. To this end, the arcA gene, which encodes for a global regulator of the TCA cycle, was deleted. ArcA works during microaerobic conditions to induce the expression of gene products that allow the activity of central metabolism enzymes that are sensitive to low oxygen levels, aceE, pflB and adhE. It was shown that microaerobically, a deletion in arcA/arcB increases the specific activities of ldh, icd, gltA, mdh, and gdh genes (Salmon et al., J. Biol. Chem. 280:15084-15096 (2005); Shalel-Levanon et al., Biotechnol. Bioeng. 92(2):147-159 (2005). The upstream and downstream regions of the arcA gene of E. coli MG1655 were amplified by PCR using primers (5'-ataataatagaattcgtttgctacctaaattgc-ArcA-up-EcoRI caactaaatcgaaacagg-3') (SEQ ID NO:33) with ArcA-up-KpnI (5'-tattattatggtaccaatatcatgcagcaaacggtgcaacattgccg-3') (SEQ ID NO:34) and ArcA-down-EcoRI (5'-ID NO:35) with ArcA-down-PstI (5'-ataaaaccctgcagcggaaacgaagttttatccatttttggttacctg-3') (SEQ ID NO:36), respectively. These fragments were subsequently digested with the restriction enzymes EcoRI and KpnI (upstream fragment) and EcoRI and PstI (downstream). They were then ligated into the pRE118-V2 plasmid digested with PstI and KpnI, leading to plasmid pRE118-ΔarcA. The sequence of plasmid pRE118-ΔarcA was verified. pRE118-ΔarcA was introduced into electro-competent cells of E. coli strain ECKh-172 (ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh). After integration and resolution on LB-no salt-sucrose plates as described above, the deletion of the arcA gene in the

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(SEQ ID NO: 31)
S-mdh-Kan 5' - TAT TGT GCA TAC AGA TGA ATT TTT ATG CAA ACA GTC AGC CCT

GAA GAA GGG TGT AGG CTG GAG CTG CTT C - 3'

AS-mdh-Kan 5' - CAA AAA ACC GGA GTC TGT GCT CCG GTT TTT TAT TAT CCG

CTA ATC AAT TAC ATA TGA ATA TCC TCC TTA G - 3'.
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Underlined regions indicate homology to pKD3 plasmid and bold sequence refers to sequence homology upstream and downstream of the mdh ORF. After purification, the PCR product was electroporated into ECKh-138 electrocompetent cells that had been transformed with pRedET (tet) and prepared according to the manufacturer's instructions (genebridges.com/gb/pdf/K001%20Q%20E%20BAC%20 Modification%20Kit-version2.6-2007-screen.pdf).

chromosome of the resulting strain ECKh-401 was verified by sequencing and is shown in FIG. 42.

The gltA gene of *E. coli* encodes for a citrate synthase. It was previously shown that this gene is inhibited allosterically by NADH, and the amino acids involved in this inhibition have been identified (Pereira et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 269(1):412-417 (1994); Stokell et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 278 (37):35435-35443 (2003)). The gltA gene of *E. coli* 

MG1655 was amplified by PCR using primers gltA-up (5'-ggaagagaggetggtacccagaagccacagcagga-3') (SEQ ID NO:37) and gltA-PstI (5'-gtaatcactgcgtaagcgccatgccccggcgttaattc-3') (SEQ ID NO:38). The amplified fragment was cloned into pRE118-V2 after digestion with KpnI and PstI. 5 The resulting plasmid was called pRE118-gltA. This plasmid was then subjected to site directed mutagenesis (SDM) using primers R163L-f (5'-attgccgcgttcctcctgctgtcga-3') (SEQ ID NO:39) and R163L-r (5'-cgacagcaggaggaacgcggcaat-3') (SEQ ID NO:40) to change the residue Arg 163 to 10 a Lys residue. The sequence of the entire fragment was verified by sequencing. A variation of the X red homologeous recombination method (Datsenko and Wanner, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 97:6640-6645 (2000)) was used to replace the native gltA gene with the R163L mutant allele 15 without leaving a Frt scar. The general recombination procedure is the same as used to make the mdh deletion described above. First, the strain ECKh-172 was made streptomycin resistant by introducing an rpsL null mutation using the  $\lambda$  red homologeous recombination method. Next. 20 a recombination was done to replace the entire wild-type gltA coding region in this strain with a cassette comprised of a kanamycin resistance gene (kanR) and a wild-type copy of the *E. coli* rpsL gene. When introduced into an *E. coli* strain harboring an rpsL null mutation, the cassette causes the cells 25 to change from resistance to the drug streptomycin to streptomycin sensitivity. DNA fragments were then introduced that included each of the mutant versions of the gltA gene along with appropriate homologous ends, and resulting colony growth was tested in the presence of streptomycin. 30 This selected for strains in which the kanR/rpsL cassette had been replaced by the mutant gltA gene. Insertion of the mutant gene in the correct locus was confirmed by PCR and DNA sequencing analyses. The resulting strain was called ECKh-422, and has the genotype ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB 35 ΔlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh ΔarcA gltAR163L. The region encompassing the mutated gltA gene of strain ECKh-422 was verified by sequencing, as shown in FIG. 43.

Crude extracts of the strains ECKh-401 and the rate synthase activity. Cells were harvested by centrifugation at 4,500 rpm (Beckman-Coulter, Allegera X-15R; Fullerton Calif.) for 10 min. The pellets were resuspended in 0.3 mL BugBuster (Novagen/EMD; San Diego Calif.) reagent with benzonase and lysozyme, and lysis proceeded for 15 min- 45 utes at room temperature with gentle shaking Cell-free lysate was obtained by centrifugation at 14,000 rpm (Eppendorf centrifuge 5402; Hamburg Germany) for 30 min at 4° C. Cell protein in the sample was determined using the method of Bradford (Bradford, Anal. Biochem. 72:248-254 50

Citrate synthase activity was determined by following the formation of free coenzyme A (HS-CoA), which is released from the reaction of acetyl-CoA with oxaloacetate. The free thiol group of HS-CoA reacts with 5,5'-dithiobis-(2-ni-55 trobenzoic acid) (DTNB) to form 5-thio-2-nitrobenzoic acid (TNB). The concentration of TNB is then monitored spectrophotometrically by measuring the absorbance at 410 nm (maximum at 412 nm). The assay mixture contained 100 mM Tris/HCl buffer (pH 7.5), 20 mM acetyl-CoA, 10 mM 60 DTNB, and 20 mM oxaloacetate. For the evaluation of NADH inhibition, 0.4 mM NADH was also added to the reaction. The assay was started by adding 5 microliters of the cell extract, and the rate of reaction was measured by following the absorbance change over time. A unit of 65 specific activity is defined as the µmol of product converted per minute per mg protein.

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FIG. 44 shows the citrate synthase activity of wild type gltA gene product and the R163L mutant. The assay was performed in the absence or presence of 0.4 mM NADH.

Strains ECKh-401 and ECKh-422 were transformed with plasmids expressing the entire BDO pathway. E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, and M. bovis sucA were expressed on the low copy plasmid pZS*13, and P. gingivalis Cat2 and C. acetobutylicum AdhE2 were expressed on the medium copy plasmid pZE23. Cultures of these strains were grown microaerobically in M9 minimal medium supplemented with 20 g/L glucose and the appropriate antibiotics as described above. The 4HB and BDO concentrations at 48 hours post-induction averaged from duplicate cultures are shown in FIG. 45. Both are higher in ECKh-422 than in ECKh-401, demonstrating that the enhanced citrate synthase activity due to the gltA mutation results in increased flux to the BDO pathway.

The host strain modifications described in this section were intended to redirect carbon flux through the oxidative TCA cycle, which is consistent with the OptKnock strain design described in WO 2009/023493 and U.S. publication 2009/0047719. To demonstrate that flux was indeed routed through this pathway, 13C flux analysis was performed using the strain ECKh-432, which is a version of ECKh-422 in which the upstream pathway is integrated into the chromosome (as described in Example XVII). To complete the BDO pathway, P. gingivalis Cat2 and C. beijerinckii Ald were expressed from pZS*13. Four parallel cultures were grown in M9 minimal medium (6.78 g/L Na₂HPO₄, 3.0 g/L KH₂PO₄, 0.5 g/L NaCl, 1.0 g/L NH₄Cl, 1 mM MgSO₄, 0.1 mM CaCl₂) containing 4 g/L total glucose of four different labeling ratios (¹³C, only the first carbon atom in the glucose molecule is labeled with ¹³C; uniform-¹³C, all carbon atoms

- 1. 80 mol % unlabeled, 20 mol % uniform-13C
- 2. 10 mol % unlabeled, 90 mol % uniform-13C
- 3. 90 mol % ¹³C, 10 mol % uniform-¹³C
- 4. 40 mol % ¹³C, 60 mol % uniform-¹³C

Parallel unlabeled cultures were grown in duplicate, from gltAR163L mutant ECKh-422 were then evaluated for cit- 40 which frequent samples were taken to evaluate growth rate, glucose uptake rate, and product formation rates. In late exponential phase, the labeled cultures were harvested, the protein isolated and hydrolyzed to amino acids, and the label distribution of the amino acids analyzed by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) as described previously (Fischer and Sauer, Eur. J. Biochem. 270:880-891 (2003)). In addition, the label distribution of the secreted 4HB and BDO in the broth from the labeled cultures was analyzed by GCMS as described in WO2008115840. This data was collectively used to calculate the intracellular flux distribution using established methods (Suthers et al., Metab. Eng. 9:387-405 (2007)). The resulting central metabolic fluxes and associated 95% confidence intervals are shown in FIG. **46**. Values are molar fluxes normalized to a glucose uptake rate of 1 mmol/hr. The result indicates that carbon flux is routed through citrate synthase in the oxidative direction, and that most of the carbon enters the BDO pathway rather than completing the TCA cycle. Furthermore, it confirms there is essentially no flux between malate and oxaloacetate due to the mdh deletion in this strain.

The advantage of using a knockout strain such as strains designed using OptKnock for BDO production (see WO 2009/023493 and U.S. publication 2009/0047719) can be observed by comparing typical fermentation profiles of ECKh-422 with that of the original strain ECKh-138, in which BDO is produced from succinate via the reductive TCA cycle (see FIG. 47). Fermentations were performed

with 1 L initial culture volume in 2 L Biostat B+ bioreactors (Sartorius; Cedex France) using M9 minimal medium supplemented with 20 g/L glucose. The temperature was controlled at 37° C., and the pH was controlled at 7.0 using 2 M NH₄OH or Na₂CO₃. Cells were grown aerobically to an OD600 of approximately 10, at which time the cultures were induced with 0.2 mM IPTG. One hour following induction, the air flow rate was reduced to 0.02 standard liters per minute for microaerobic conditions. The agitation rate was set at 700 rpm. Concentrated glucose was fed to maintain glucose concentration in the vessel between 0.5 and 10 g/L. Both strains were transformed with plasmids bearing the entire BDO pathway, as in the examples above. In ECKh-138, acetate, pyruvate, and 4HB dominate the fermentation, while with ECKh-422 BDO is the major product.

#### EXAMPLE XVI

#### BDO Strains Expression Phosphoenolpyruvate Carboxykinase

This example describes the utilization of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (PEPCK) to enhance BDO production. The *Haemophilus influenza* PEPCK gene was used for heterologous expression.

Computationally, it was demonstrated that the ATP-generating conversion of oxaloacetate to phosphoenolpyruvate is required to reach the maximum theoretical yield of 1,4-butanediol (see also WO2008/115840, WO 2009/023493, U.S. publication 2009/0047719, U.S. publication 2009/0075351). Lack of PEPCK activity was shown to reduce the maximum theoretical yield of BDO by 12% assuming anaerobic conditions and by 3% assuming an external electron acceptor such as nitrate or oxygen is present.

In organisms such as *E. coli*, PEPCK operates in the gluconeogenic and ATP-consuming direction from oxaloacetate towards phosphoenolpyruvate. It has been hypothesized that kinetic limitations of PEPCK of *E. coli* prevent it from effectively catalyzing the formation of oxaloacetate from PEP. PEP carboxylase (PPC), which does not generate ATP but is required for efficient growth, is naturally utilized by *E. coli* to form oxaloacetate from phosphoenolpyruvate. Therefore, three non native PEPCK enzymes (Table 26) were tested for their ability to complement growth of a PPC mutant strain of *E. coli* in glucose minimal media.

TABLE 26

Sources of phosphoenoly	byruvate carboxykinase sequences.
PEPCK Source Strain	Accession Number, GenBank Reference Sequence
Haemophilus influenza Actinobacillus succinogenes Mannheimia succiniciproducens	NC_000907.1 YP_001343536.1 YP_089485.1

Growth complementation studies involved plasmid based expression of the candidate genes in Δppc mutant *E. coli* JW3978 obtained from the Keio collection (Baba et al., Molecular Systems Biology 2:2006.0008 (2006)). The genes were cloned behind the PA1lacO-1 promoter in the expression vectors pZA23 (medium copy) and pZE13 (high copy). These plasmids have been described previously (Lutz and Bujard, *Nucleic Acids Res.* 25:1203-1210 (1997)), and their use in expression BDO pathway genes has been described previously in WO2008115840.

Pre-cultures were grown aerobically in M9 minimal media with 4 g/L glucose. All pre-cultures were supple-

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mented with aspartate (2 mM) to provide the Δppc mutants with a source for generating TCA cycle intermediates independent of PEPCK expression. M9 minimal media was also used in the test conditions with 4 g/L glucose, but no aspartate was added and IPTG was added to 0.5 mM. Table 27 shows the results of the growth complementation studies.

TABLE 27

Complementation of Δppc mutants with PEPCK from *H. influenzae*, *A. succinogenes* and *M. succinoproducens* when expressed from vectors pZA23 or pZE13.

	PEPCK Source Strain	Vector	Time (h)	OD ₆₀₀
5	H. influenzae Δppc Control A. succinogenes M. succinoproducens A. succinogenes M. succinogenes	pZA23BB pZA23BB pZA23BB pZA23BB pZE13BB pZE13BB	40 40 40 40 40 40	0.950 0.038 0.055 0.214 0.041 0.024
	Δppc Control	pZE13BB	40	0.042

Haemophilus influenza PEPCK was found to complement growth in Δppc mutant *E. coli* best among the genes that were tested in the plasmid based screening. This gene was then integrated into the PPC locus of wild-type *E. coli* (MG1655) using the SacB counter selection method with pRE118-V2 discussed above (Gay et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 153: 1424-1431 (1983)). PEPCK was integrated retaining the *E. coli* native PPC promoter, but utilizing the non-native PEPCK terminator. The sequence of this region following replacement of ppc by *H. influenzae* pepck is shown in FIG. 48. The pepck coding region is underlined.

Techniques for adaptive evolution were applied to improve the growth rate of the E. coli mutant ( $\Delta ppc::H.$  inf pepCK). M9 minimal media with 4 g/L glucose and 50 mM sodium bicarbonate was used to culture and evolve this strain in an anaerobic environment. The high sodium bicarbonate concentration was used to drive the equilibrium of the PEPCK reaction toward oxaloacetate formation. To maintain exponential growth, the culture was diluted 2-fold whenever an OD600 of 0.5 was achieved. After about 100 generations over 3 weeks of adaptive evolution, anaerobic growth rates improved from about 8 h to that of wild type, about 2 h. Following evolution, individual colonies were isolated, and growth in anaerobic bottles was compared to that of the initial mutant and wild-type strain (see FIG. 49). M9 medium with 4 g/L glucose and 50 mM sodium bicarbonate was used.

The ppc/pepck gene replacement procedure described above was then repeated, this time using the BDO-producing strains ECKh-432 (ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA:: 50 K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh ΔarcA gltAR163L ΔackA fimD:: *E. coli* sucCD, *P. gingivalis* sucD, *P. gingivalis* 4hbd fimD:: *M. bovis* sucA, *C. kluyveri* 4hbd) and ECKh-439 as the hosts. These strains contain the TCA cycle enhancements discussed above as well as the upstream pathway integrated in the chromosome. ECKh-439 is a derivative of ECKh-432 that has the ackA gene deleted, which encodes acetate kinase. This deletion was performed using the sacB counterselection method described above.

The Δppc::H. inf pepCK derivative of ECKh-439, called ECKh-453, was run in a fermentation. The downstream BDO pathway was supplied by pZS*13 containing *P. gin-givalis* Cat2 and *C. beijerinckii* Ald. This was performed with 1 L initial culture volume in 2 L Biostat B+ bioreactors (Sartorius) using M9 minimal medium supplemented with 20 g/L glucose and 50 mM NaHCO₃. The temperature was controlled at 37° C., and the pH was controlled at 7.0 using 2 M NH₄OH or Na₂CO₃. Cells were grown aerobically to an OD600 of approximately 2, at which time the cultures were

induced with 0.2 mM IPTG. One hour following induction, the air flow rate was reduced to 0.01 standard liters per minute for microaerobic conditions. The agitation rate was initially set at 700 rpm. The aeration rate was gradually increased throughout the fermentation as the culture density increased. Concentrated glucose solution was fed to maintain glucose concentration in the vessel between 0.5 and 10 g/L. The product profile is shown in FIG. 50. The observed phenotype, in which BDO and acetate are produced in approximately a one-to-one molar ratio, is highly similar to that predicted in WO 2009/023493 for design #439 (ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi). The deletion targeting the ASPT reaction was deemed unnecessary as the natural flux through aspartate ammonia-lyase is low.

A key feature of OptKnock strains is that production of the metabolite of interest is generally coupled to growth, and further, that, production should occur during exponential growth as well as in stationary phase. The growth coupling potential of ECKh-432 and ECKh-453 was evaluated by growth in microaerobic bottles with frequent sampling during the exponential phase. M9 medium containing  $\overset{\leftarrow}{4}$  g/L  20 glucose and either 10 mM NaHCO₃ (for ECKh-432) or 50 mM NaHCO₃ (for ECKh-453) was used, and 0.2 mM IPTG was included from inoculation. 18G needles were used for microaerobic growth of ECKh-432, while both 18G and 27G needles were tested for ECKh-453. The higher gauge 25 needles result in less aeration. As shown in FIG. 51, ECKh-432 does not begin producing BDO until 5 g/L glucose has been consumed, corresponding to the onset of stationary phase. ECKh-453 produces BDO more evenly throughout the experiment. In addition, growth coupling improves as  30 the aeration of the culture is reduced.

#### EXAMPLE XVII

Integration of BDO Pathway Encoding Genes at Specific Integration Sites

This example describes integration of various BDO pathway genes into the fimD locus to provide more efficient expression and stability.

The entire upstream BDO pathway, leading to 4HB, has been integrated into the *E. coli* chromosome at the fimD locus. The succinate branch of the upstream pathway was integrated into the *E. coli* chromosome using the X red homologeous recombination method (Datsenko and Wanner, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 97:6640-6645 (2000)). The recipient *E. coli* strain was ECKh-422 (ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh ΔarcA gltAR163L). A polycistronic DNA fragment containing a promoter, the sucCD gene, the sucD gene and the 4hbd gene and a terminator sequence was inserted into the AfIIII site of the pKD3 plasmid. The following primers were used to amplify the operon together with the chloramphenicol marker from the plasmid. The underlined sequences are homologeous to the target insertion site.

(SEQ ID NO: 41)

5'-GTTTGCACGCTATAGCTGAGGTTGTTGTCTTCCAGCAACGTACCGT

ATACAATAGGCGTATCACGAGGCCCTTTC-3'

(SEQ ID NO: 42)

 $\verb|5'-GCTACAGCATGTCACACGATCTCAACGGTCGGATGACCAATCTGGC|\\$ 

TGGTATGGGAATTAGCCATGGTCC-3'

Following DpnI treatment and DNA electrophoresis, the purified PCR product was used to transform *E. coli* strain

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harboring plasmid pKD46. The candidate strain was selected on plates containing chloramphenicol. Genomic DNA of the candidate strain was purified. The insertion sequence was amplified and confirmed by DNA sequencing. The chloramphenicol-resistant marker was removed from chromosome by flipase. The nucleotide sequence of the region after insertion and marker removal is shown in FIG. 52.

The alpha-ketoglutarate branch of the upstream pathway was integrated into the chromosome by homologeous recombination. The plasmid used in this modification was derived from vector pRE118-V2, as referenced in Example XIV, which contains a kanamycin-resistant gene, a gene encoding the levansucrase (sacB) and a R6K conditional replication ori. The integration plasmid also contained a polycistronic sequence with a promoter, the sucA gene, the C. kluyveri 4hbd gene, and a terminator being inserted between two 1.5-kb DNA fragments that are homologeous to the flanking regions of the target insertion site. The resulting plasmid was used to transform E. coli strain. The integration candidate was selected on plates containing kanamycin. The correct integration site was verified by PCR. To resolve the antibiotic marker from the chromosome, the cells were selected for growth on medium containing sucrose. The final strain was verified by PCR and DNA sequencing. The nucleotide sequence of the chromosomal region after insertion and marker removal is shown in FIG. **53**.

The resulting upstream pathway integration strain ECKh-432 was transformed with a plasmid harboring the downstream pathway genes. The construct was able to produce BDO from glucose in minimal medium (see FIG. 54).

# EXAMPLE XVIII

Use of a Non-Phosphotransferase Sucrose Uptake System to Reduce Pyruvate Byproduct Formation

This example describes the utilization of a non-phospho-40 transferase (PTS) sucrose uptake system to reduce pyruvate as a byproduct in the conversion of sucrose to BDO.

Strains engineered for the utilization of sucrose via a phosphotransferase (PTS) system produce significant amounts of pyruvate as a byproduct. Therefore, the use of a non-PTS sucrose system can be used to decrease pyruvate formation because the import of sucrose would not be accompanied by the conversion of phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) to pyruvate. This will increase the PEP pool and the flux to oxaloacetate through PPC or PEPCK.

Insertion of a non-PTS sucrose operon into the rrnC region was performed. To generate a PCR product containing the non-PTS sucrose genes flanked by regions of homology to the rrnC region, two oligos were used to PCR amplify the csc genes from Mach1TM (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, Calif.). This strain is a descendent of W strain which is an E. coli strain known to be able to catabolize sucrose (Orencio-Trejo et al., Biotechnology Biofuels 1:8 (2008)). The sequence was derived from E. coli W strain KO11 (accession AY314757) (Shukla et al., Biotechnol. Lett. 26:689-693 (2004)) and includes genes encoding a sucrose permease (cscB), D-fructokinase (cscK), sucrose hydrolase (cscA), and a LacIrelated sucrose-specific repressor (cscR). The first 53 amino acids of cscR was effectively removed by the placement of the AS primer. The sequences of the oligos were: rrnC 23S del S-CSC 5'-TGT GAG TGA AAG TCA CCT GCC TTA ATA TCT CAA AAC TCA TCT TCG GGT GA CGAAATATGGCGTGACTCGATAC-3' (SEQ ID NO:43)

and rrnC 23S del AS-CSC 5'-TCT GTA TCA GGC TGA AAA TCT TCT CTC ATC CGC CAA AAC AGC TTC GGC GTTAAGATGCGCGCTCAAGGAC-3' (SEQ ID NO:44). Underlined regions indicate homology to the csc operon, and bold sequence refers to sequence homology upstream and downstream of the rrnC region. The sequence of the entire PCR product is shown in FIG. 55.

After purification, the PCR product was electroporated into MG1655 electrocompetent cells which had been transformed with pRedET (tet) and prepared according to manufacturer's instructions (genebridges.com/gb/pdf/K001%20Q%20E%20BAC%20Modification%20Kitversion2.6-2007-screen.pdf). The PCR product was designed so that it integrated into genome into the rrnC region of the chromosome. It effectively deleted 191 nucleotides upstream of rrlC (23S rRNA), all of the rrlC rRNA gene and 3 nucleotides downstream of rrlC and replaced it with the sucrose operon, as shown in FIG. 56.

Transformants were grown on M9 minimal salts medium with 0.4% sucrose and individual colonies tested for presence of the sucrose operon by diagnostic PCR. The entire rrnC::crcAKB region was transferred into the BDO host strain ECKh-432 by P1 transduction (Sambrook et al., *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Third Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York (2001), resulting in ECKh-463 (ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh

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ΔarcA gltAR163L fimD:: *E. coli* sucCD, *P. gingivalis* sucD, *P. gingivalis* 4hbd fimD:: *M. bovis* sucA, *C. kluyveri* 4hbd rrnC::cscAKB). Recombinants were selected by growth on sucrose and verified by diagnostic PCR.

ECKh-463 was transformed with pZS*13 containing *P. gingivalis* Cat2 and *C. beijerinckii* Ald to provide a complete BDO pathway. Cells were cultured in M9 minimal medium (6.78 g/L Na₂HPO₄, 3.0 g/L KH₂PO₄, 0.5 g/L NaCl, 1.0 g/L NH₄C1, 1 mM MgSO₄, 0.1 mM CaCl₂) supplemented with 10 g/L sucrose. 0.2 mM IPTG was present in the culture from the start. Anaerobic conditions were maintained using a bottle with 23G needle. As a control, ECKh-432 containing the same plasmid was cultured on the same medium, except with 10 g/L glucose instead of sucrose. FIG. 57 shows average product concentration, normalized to culture OD600, after 48 hours of growth. The data is for 6 replicate cultures of each strain. This demonstrates that BDO production from ECKh-463 on sucrose is similar to that of the parent strain on sucrose.

#### EXAMPLE XIX

#### Summary of BDO Producing Strains

This example describes various BDO producing strains. Table 28 summarizes various BDO producing strains disclosed above in Examples XII-XVIII.

TABLE 28

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	Summary of various BDO production strains.								
Strain #	Host Strain #	Host chromosome	Host Description	Plasmid-based					
1		$\Delta l dh A$	Single deletion derivative of <i>E. coli</i> MG1655	E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, P. gingivalis Cat2, C. acetobutylicum AdhE2					
2	AB3	ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB	Succinate producing strain; derivative of <i>E. coli</i> MG1655	E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, P. gingivalis					
3	ECKh- 138	ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA::K.p.lpdA322	Improvement of lpdA to increase pyruvate dehydrogenase flux	E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, P. gingivalis Cat2, C. acetobutylicum AdhE2					
4	ECKh- 138	ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA::K.p.lpdA322		E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, C. acetobutylicum bukl, C. acetobutylicum ptb, C. acetobutylicum AdhE2					
5	ECKh- 401	$\Delta$ adhE $\Delta$ ldhA $\Delta$ pflB $\Delta$ lpdA::K.p.lpdA322 $\Delta$ mdh $\Delta$ areA	Deletions in mdh and arcA to direct flux through oxidative TCA cycle	E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, P. gingivalis Cat2, C. acetobutylicum AdhE2					
6	ECKh- 401	$\Delta$ adhE $\Delta$ ldhA $\Delta$ pflB $\Delta$ lpdA::K.p.lpdA322 $\Delta$ mdh $\Delta$ arcA		M. bovis sucA, E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, P. gingivalis Cat2, C. acetobutylicum AdhE2					
7	ECKh- 422	ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh ΔarcA gltAR163L	Mutation in citrate synthase to improve anaerobic activity	E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, P. gingivalis Cat2, C. acetobutylicum AdhE2					
8	ECKh- 422	ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh ΔarcA gltAR163L	,	M. bovis sucA, E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, P. gingivalis Cat2, C. acetobutylicum AdhE2					
9	ECKh- 422	ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh ΔarcA gltAR163L		M. bovis sucA, E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii Ald					

# TABLE 28-continued

		Summary of various B	DO production strain	s.
Strain #	Host Strain #	Host chromosome	Host Description	Plasmid-based
10	ECKh- 426	AadhE AldhA ApflB AlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Amdh AarcA gltAR163L fimD:: <i>E. coli</i> sucCD, <i>P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis</i> 4hbd	Succinate branch of upstream pathway integrated into ECKh-422	P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii Ald
11	ECKh- 432	AndhE AldhA ApflB AlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Amdh AarcA gltAR163L fimD:: <i>E. coli</i> sucCD, <i>P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis</i> 4hbd fimD:: <i>M. bovis</i> sucA, <i>C. kluyveri</i> 4hbd	Succinate and alpha-ketoglutarate upstream pathway branches integrated into ECKh-422	P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii Ald
12	ECKh- 432	AadhE AldhA ApflB AlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Amdh AarcA gltAR163L fimD:: <i>E. coli</i> sucCD, <i>P. gingivalis</i> sucD, <i>P. gingivalis</i> 4hbd fimD:: <i>M. bovis</i> sucA, <i>C. kluyveri</i> 4hbd		C. acetobutylicum buk1, C. acetobutylicum ptb, C. beijerinckii Ald
13	ECKh- 439	AadhE AldhA ApfiB AlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Amdh AarcA gltAR163L AackA fimD:: E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd fimD:: M. bovis sucA, C. kluyveri 4hbd	Acetate kinase deletion of ECKh- 432	P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii Ald
14	ECKh- 453	AadhE AldhA ApflB AlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Amdh AarcA gltAR163L ΔackA Appe::H.i.ppck fimD:: <i>E. coli</i> sucCD, <i>P. gingivalis</i> sucD, <i>P. gingivalis</i> 4hbd fimD:: <i>M. bovis</i> sucA, <i>C. kluyveri</i> 4hbd	Acetate kinase deletion and PPC/PEPCK replacement of ECKh-432	P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii Ald
15	ECKh- 456	ΔadhE ΔldhA ΔpflB ΔlpdA::fnr- pflB6-K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh ΔarcA gltAR163L fimD:: <i>E. coli</i> sucCD, <i>P. gingivalis</i> sucD, <i>P. gingivalis</i> 4hbd fimD:: <i>M. bovis</i> sucA, <i>C. kluyveri</i> 4hbd	Replacement of lpdA promoter with anaerobic promoter in ECKh-432	P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii Ald
16	ECKh- 455	AadhE AldhA ApflB AlpdA:: K.p.lpdA322 ApdhR:: fnr-pflB6 Amdh AarcA gltAR163L fmD:: E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd fimD:: M. bovis sucA, C. kluyveri 4hbd	Replacement of pdhR and aceEF promoter with anaerobic promoter in ECKh-432	P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii Ald
17	ECKh- 459	AadhE AldhA ApflB AlpdA:: K.p.lpdA322 Δmdh ΔareA gltAR163L fimD:: E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd fimD:: M. bovis sucA, C. kluyveri 4hbd fimD:: C. acetobutylicum buk1, C. acetobutylicum ptb	Integration of BK/PTB into ECKh-432	C. beijerinckii Ald
18	ECKh- 459	AadhE AldhA ApflB AlpdA:: K.p.lpdA322 Amdh AareA gltAR163L fimD:: <i>E. coli</i> sucCD, <i>P. gingivalis</i> sucD, <i>P. gingivalis</i> 4hbd fimD:: <i>M. bovis</i> sucA, <i>C. kluyveri</i> 4hbd fimD:: <i>C. acetobutylicum</i> ptb		C. beijerinckii Ald, G. thermoglucosidasius adh1
19	ECKh- 463	AadhE AldhA ApflB AlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Amdh AarcA gltAR163L fimD:: E. coli sucCD, <i>P. gingivalis</i> sucD, <i>P. gingivalis</i> 4hbd fimD:: <i>M. bovis</i> sucA, <i>C. kluyveri</i> 4hbd rmC::cscAKB	Non-PTS sucrose genes inserted into ECKh-432	P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii Ald
20	ECKh- 463	AadhE AldhA ApflB AlpdA::K.p.lpdA322 Amdh AarcA gltAR163L fimD:: E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd fimD:: M. bovis sucA, C. kluyveri 4hbd rrnC::cscAKB		C. acetobutylicum buk1, C. acetobutylicum ptb, C. beijerinckii Ald

The strains summarized in Table 28 are as follows. Strain 1: Single deletion derivative of *E. coli* MG1655, with deletion of endogenous ldhA; plasmid expression of *E. coli* sucCD, *P. gingivalis* sucD, *P. gingivalis* 4hbd, *P. gingivalis* Cat2, *C. acetobutylicum* AdhE2. Strain 2: Host strain AB3, 5 a succinate producing strain, derivative of *E. coli* MG1655, with deletions of endogenous adhE ldhA pflB; plasmid expression of *E. coli* sucCD, *P. gingivalis* sucD, *P. gingivalis* 4hbd, *P. gingivalis* Cat2, *C. acetobutylicum* AdhE2.

Strain 3: Host strain ECKh-138, deletion of endogenous 10 adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* lpdA with a Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus; plasmid expression of *E. coli* sucCD, *P. gingivalis* sucD, *P. gingivalis* 4hbd, *P. gingivalis* Cat2, *C. acetobutylicum* AdhE2; strain provides 15 improvement of lpdA to increase pyruvate dehydrogenase flux. Strain 4: Host strain ECKh-138, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, and lpdA, chromosomal insertion of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* lpdA with a Glu354Lys mutation; plasmid expression *E. coli* sucCD, *P. gingivalis* sucD, *P. 20 gingivalis* 4hbd, *C. acetobutylicum* buk1, *C. acetobutylicum* ptb, *C. acetobutylicum* AdhE2.

Strain 5: Host strain ECKh-401, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* lpdA with a 25 Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus, deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA; plasmid expression of *E. coli* sucCD, *P. gingivalis* sucD, *P. gingivalis* 4hbd, *P. gingivalis* Cat2, *C. acetobutylicum* AdhE2; strain has deletions in mdh and arcA to direct flux through oxidative TCA cycle. Strain 6: host 30 strain ECKh-401, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* lpdA with a Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus, deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA; plasmid expression of *M. bovis* sucA, *E. coli* sucCD, *P. gingivalis* sucD, *P. gingivalis* 4hbd, *P. gingivalis* Cat2, *C. acetobutylicum* AdhE2.

Strain 7: Host strain ECKh-422, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of Klebsiella pneumoniae lpdA with a 40 Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus, deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA, chromosomal replacement of gltA with gltA Arg163Leu mutant; plasmid expression of E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, P. gingivalis Cat2, C. acetobutylicum AdhE2; strain has mutation in 45 citrate synthase to improve anaerobic activity. Strain 8: strain ECKh-422, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of Klebsiella pneumoniae lpdA with a Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus, deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA, 50 chromosomal replacement of gltA with gltA Arg163Leu mutant; plasmid expression of M. bovis sucA, E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, P. gingivalis Cat2, C. acetobutylicum AdhE2. Strain 9: host strain ECKh-422, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endog- 55 enous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of Klebsiella pneumoniae lpdA with a Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus, deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA, chromosomal replacement of gltA with gltA Arg163Leu mutant; plasmid expression of M. bovis sucA, E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis 60 sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii

Strain 10: host strain ECKh-426, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* lpdA with a 65 Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus, deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA, chromosomal replacement of gltA

with gltA Arg163Leu mutant, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd; plasmid expression of P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii Ald; strain has succinate branch of upstream pathway integrated into strain ECKh-422 at the fimD locus. Strain 11: host strain ECKh-432, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of Klebsiella pneumoniae lpdA with a Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus, deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA, chromosomal replacement of gltA with Arg163Leu mutant, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of M. bovis sucA, C. kluyveri 4hbd; plasmid expression of P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii Ald; strain has succinate and alphaketoglutarate upstream pathway branches integrated into ECKh-422. Strain 12: host strain ECKh-432, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of Klebsiella pneumoniae lpdA with a Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus, deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA, chromosomal replacement of gltA with gltAArg163Leu mutant, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of M. bovis sucA, C. kluvveri 4hbd; plasmid expression of C. acetobutylicum buk1, C. acetobutylicum ptb, C. beijerinckii

Strain 13: host strain ECKh-439, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of Klebsiella pneumoniae lpdA with a Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus, deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA, chromosomal replacement of gltA with gltA Arg163Leu mutant, deletion of endogenous ackA, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of M. bovis sucA, C. kluyveri 4hbd; plasmid expression of P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii Ald; strain has acetate kinase deletion in strain ECKh-432. Strain 14: host strain ECKh-453, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of Klebsiella pneumoniae lpdA with a Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus, deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA, chromosomal replacement of gltA with gltA Arg163Leu mutant, deletion of endogenous ackA, deletion of endogenous ppc and insertion of Haemophilus influenza ppck at the ppc locus, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of M. bovis sucA, C. kluyveri 4hbd; plasmid expression of P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii Ald; strain has acetate kinase deletion and PPC/PEPCK replacement in strain ECKh-432.

Strain 15: host strain ECKh-456, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of Klebsiella pneumoniae lpdA with a Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus, deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA, chromosomal replacement of gltA with gltA Arg163Leu mutant, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of M. bovis sucA, C. kluyveri 4hbd, replacement of lpdA promoter with fnr binding site, pflB-p6 promoter and RBS of pflB; plasmid expression of P. gingivalis Cat2, C. beijerinckii Ald; strain has replacement of lpdA promoter with anaerobic promoter in strain ECKh-432. Strain 16: host strain ECKh-455, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of Klebsiella pneumoniae lpdA with a Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus,

deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA, chromosomal replacement of gltA with gltA Arg163Leu mutant, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of *E. coli* sucCD, *P. gingivalis* sucD, *P. gingivalis* 4hbd, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of *M. bovis* sucA, *C. kluyveri* 4hbdI, replacement of pdhR and aceEF promoter with fnr binding site, pflB-p6 promoter and RBS of pflB; plasmid expression of *P. gingivalis* Cat2, *C. beijerinckii* Ald; strain has replacement of pdhR and aceEF promoter with anaerobic promoter in ECKh-432.

Strain 17: host strain ECKh-459, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of Klebsiella pneumoniae lpdA with a Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus, deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA, chromosomal replacement of gltA with gltA Arg163Leu mutant, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of M. bovis sucA, C. kluyveri 4hbd, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of C. acetobutylicum buk1, C. acetobutylicum ptb; plasmid expression of C. beijerinckii Ald; strain has integration of BK/PTB into strain ECKh-432. Strain 18: host strain ECKh-459, deletion of endogenous adhE, ldhA, pflB, deletion of endogenous lpdA and chromosomal insertion of Klebsiella pneumoniae lpdA with a Glu354Lys mutation at the lpdA locus, deletion of endogenous mdh and arcA, chromosomal replacement of gltA with gltA Arg163Leu mutant, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of E. coli sucCD, P. gingivalis sucD, P. gingivalis 4hbd, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of M. bovis sucA, C. kluyveri 4hbd, chromosomal insertion at the fimD locus of C. acetobutylicum buk1, C. acetobutylicum ptb; plasmid expression of C. beijerinckii Ald, G. thermoglucosidasius adhl.

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In addition to the BDO producing strains disclosed herein, including those disclosed in Table 28, it is understood that additional modifications can be incorporated that further increase production of BDO and/or decrease undesirable byproducts. For example, a BDO producing strain, or a strain of Table 28, can incorporate additional knockouts to

further increase the production of BDO or decrease an undesirable byproduct. Exemplary knockouts have been described previously (see U.S. publication 2009/0047719). Such knockout strains include, but are not limited to. ADHEr, NADH6; ADHEr, PPCK; ADHEr, SUCD4; ADHEr, ATPS4r; ADHEr, FUM; ADHEr, MDH; ADHEr, PFLi, PPCK; ADHEr, PFLi, SUCD4; ADHEr, ACKr. NADH6; ADHEr, NADH6, PFLi; ADHEr, ASPT, MDH; ADHEr, NADH6, PPCK; ADHEr, PPCK, THD2; ADHEr, ATPS4r, PPCK; ADHEr, MDH, THD2; ADHEr, FUM, PFLi; ADHEr, PPCK, SUCD4; ADHEr, GLCpts, PPCK; ADHEr, GLUDy, MDH; ADHEr, GLUDy, PPCK; ADHEr, FUM, PPCK; ADHEr, MDH, PPCK; ADHEr, FUM, GLUDy; ADHEr, FUM, HEX1; ADHEr, HEX1, PFLi; ADHEr, HEX1, THD2; ADHEr, FRD2, LDH_D, MDH; ADHEr, FRD2, LDH_D, ME2; ADHEr, MDH, PGL, THD2; ADHEr, G6PDHy, MDH, THD2; ADHEr, PFLi, PPCK, THD2; ADHEr, ACKr, AKGD, ATPS4r; ADHEr, GLCpts, PFLi, PPCK; ADHEr, ACKr, ATPS4r, SUCOAS; ADHEr, GLUDy, PFLi, PPCK; ADHEr, ME2, PFLi, SUCD4; ADHEr, GLUDy, PFLi, SUCD4; ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, SUCD4; ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, PFLi; ADHEr, MDH, NADH6, THD2; ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, NADH6; ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, NADH6; ADHEr, ASPT, MDH, NADH6; ADHEr, ASPT, MDH, THD2; ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, SUCD4; ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLUDy, MDH; ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, PPCK; ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, PPCK; ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, MDH; ADHEr, ASPT, GLUDy, MDH; ADHEr, ME2, SUCD4, THD2; ADHEr, FUM, PPCK, THD2; ADHEr, MDH, PPCK, THD2; ADHEr, GLUDy, MDH, THD2; ADHEr, HEX1, PFLi, THD2; ADHEr, ATPS4r, G6PDHy, MDH; ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, PGL; ADHEr, ACKr, FRD2, LDH D; ADHEr, ACKr, LDH_D, SUCD4; ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLUDy; ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1; ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, THD2; ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD2, LDH_D; ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, PGDH; ADHEr, GLCpts, PPCK, THD2; ADHEr, GLUDy, PPCK, THD2; ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, THD2; ADHEr, ATPS4r, ME2, THD2: ADHEr, FUM, ME2, THD2: ADHEr, GLCpts, GLUDy, PPCK; ADHEr, ME2, PGL, THD2; ADHEr, G6PDHy, ME2, THD2; ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD2, LDH_D, ME2; ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD2, LDH_D, MDH; ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi; ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6, PFLi; ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, NADH6, PGL; ADHEr, ATPS4r, G6PDHy, MDH, NADH6; ADHEr, ACKr, FUM, GLUDy, LDH_D; ADHEr, ACKr, GLUDy, LDH_D, SUCD4; ADHEr, ATPS4r, G6PDHy, MDH, THD2; ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, PGL, THD2; ADHEr, ASPT, G6PDHy, MDH, PYK; ADHEr, ASPT, MDH, PGL, PYK; ADHEr, ASPT, LDH D, MDH, SUCOAS; ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MDH; ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH; ADHEr, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH; ADHEr, FRD2, GLUDy, LDH_D, PPCK; ADHEr, FRD2, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2; ADHEr, ACKr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, SUCD4; ADHEr, ACKr, ACS, PPC, PPCK; ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, PPC, PPCK; ADHEr, LDH_D, PPC, PPCK, THD2; ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, MDH; ADHEr, G6PDHy, MDH, NADH6, THD2; ADHEr, MDH, NADH6, PGL, THD2; ADHEr, ATPS4r, G6PDHy, GLCpts, MDH; ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, MDH, PGL; ADHEr, ACKr, LDH_D, MDH, SUCD4.

Table 29 shows the reactions of corresponding genes to be knocked out of a host organism such as *E. coli*. The corresponding metabolite corresponding to abbreviations in Table 29 are shown in Table 30.

# TABLE 29

Reaction		Genes Encoding the Enzyme(s
	Reaction Stoichiometry*	Catalyzing Each Reaction&
ACKr	[c]: $ac + atp \le actp + adp$	(b3115 or b2296 or
ACS	[c]: ac + atp + coa> accoa + amp + ppi	b1849) b4069
ACt6	$ac[p] + h[p] \le 2 ac[c] + h[c]$	Non-gene associated
ADHEr	[c]: etoh + nad <==> acald + h + nadh	(b0356 or b1478 or
		b1241)
	[c]: acald + coa + nad <==> accoa + h + nadh	(b1241 or b0351)
AKGD	[c]: akg + coa + nad> co2 + nadh + succoa	(b0116 and b0726 and b0727)
ASNS2	[c]: asp-L + atp + nh4> amp + asn-L + h + ppi [c]: asp-L> fum + nh4	b3744 b4139
ASPT ATPS4r	$adp[c] + (4) h[p] + pi[c] \le atp[c] + (3) h[c] + h2o[c]$	(((b3736 and b3737 and b3738
		and (b3731 and b3732 and
		b3733 and b3734 and b3735))
		or ((b3736 and b3737 and
		b3738) and (b3731 and b3732
		and b3733 and b3734 and b3735) and b3739)
CBMK2	[c]: $atp + co2 + nh4 \le =  adp + cbp + (2) h$	(b0521 or b0323 or
DIVINZ	[6]. atp + 602 + mi+ 4==2 atp + 60p + (2) ii	b2874)
EDA	[c]: 2ddg6p> g3p + pyr	b1850
ENO	[c]: 2pg <==> h2o + pep	b2779
FBA	[c]: fdp <==> dhap + g3p	(b2097 or b2925 or
- D.D.	53.01 10 × 6	b1773)
FBP FDH2	[c]: $fdp + h2o> f6p + pi$ for[p] + (2) h[c] + q8[c]> co2[c] + h[p] + q8h2[c]	(b4232 or b3925) ((b3892 and b3893 and b3894)
D112	for[p] + (2) h[c] + qole[c]> co2[c] + h[p] + qole[c] for[p] + (2) h[c] + mqn8[c]> co2[c] + h[p] + mql8[c]	or (b1474 and b1475 and
	101[p] + (2) n[e] + inquo[e] -> 002[e] + n[p] + inquo[e]	b1476))
FRD2	[c]: fum + mql8> mqn8 + succ	(b4151 and b4152 and b4153
	[c]: 2dmmq18 + fum> 2dmmq8 + succ	and b4154)
THFD	[c]: $10fthf + h2o> for + h + thf$	b1232
FUM	[c]: fum + $h2o \le mal-L$	(b1612 or b4122 or
35SD	[c]: glu5p + h + nadph> glu5sa + nadp + pi	b1611) b0243
G6PDHy	[c]: gfp + nadp <==> 6pgl + h + nadph	b1852
GLCpts	g[c-D[p] + pep[c]> g6p[c] + pyr[c]	((b2417 and b1101 and b2415
1		and b2416) or (b1817 and b18
		and b1819 and b2415 and
		b2416) or (b2417 and b1621 a
GLU5K	[c]: atp + glu-L> adp + glu5p	b2415 and b2416)) b0242
GLUDy	[c]: $glu-L + h2o + nadp \le = akg + h + nadph + nh4$	b1761
GLYCL	[c]: gly + nad + thf> co2 + mlthf + nadh + nh4	(b2904 and b2903 and b2905
		and b0116)
HEX1	[c]: atp + glc-D $\rightarrow$ adp + g6p + h	b2388
CL	[c]: icit> glx + succ	64015
DH_D	[c]: lac-D + nad <==> h + nadh + pyr	(b2133 or b1380)
MALS MDH	[c]: accoa + glx + h2o> coa + h + mal-L [c]: mal-L + nad <==> h + nadh + oaa	(b4014 or b2976) b3236
ME2	[c]: mal-L + nadp> co2 + nadph + pyr	b2463
MTHFC	[c]: h2o + methf <==> 10fthf + h	b0529
NADH12	[c]: h + mqn8 + nadh> mql8 + nad	b1109
	[c]: $h + nadh + q8> nad + q8h2$	
LADILE	[c]: 2dmmq8 + h + nadh> 2dmmql8 + nad	(1.22.7.5 11.22.7.7 11.22.7.9
NADH6	(4) $h[c] + nadh[c] + q8[c] -> (3) h[p] + nad[c] + q8h2[c]$	(b2276 and b2277 and b2278 and b2279 and b2280 and b22
	(4) h[c] + mqn8[c] + nadh[c]> (3) h[p] + mql8[c] + nad[c]	and b2282 and b2283 and b22
	2dmmq8[c] + (4) h[c] + nadh[c]> 2dmmql8[c] + (3)	and b2285 and b2286 and b22
	h[p] + nad[c]	and b2288)
PFK	[c]: atp + f6p> adp + fdp + h	(b3916 or b1723)
FLi	[c]: coa + pyr> accoa + for	(((b0902 and b0903) and b257
		or (b0902 and b0903) or (b090
		and b3114) or (b3951 and b3952))
PGDH	[c]: 6pgc + nadp> co2 + nadph + ru5p-D	b2029
GDII PGI	[c]: g6p <==> f6p	b4025
<b>P</b> GL	[c]: 6pgl + h2o> 6pgc + h	b0767
<b>P</b> GM	[c]: 2pg <==> 3pg	(b3612 or b4395 or b0755)
PPC	[c]: co2 + h2o + pep> h + oaa + pi	b3956
PPCK	[c]: atp + oaa> adp + co2 + pep	b3403
PRO1z PYK	[c]: fad + pro-L> 1pyr5c + fadh2 + h [c]: adp + h + pep> atp + pyr	b1014 b1854 or b1676)
YRt2	$h[p] + pyr[p] \le h[c] + pyr[c]$	Non-gene associated
RPE	[c]: ru5p-D <==> xu5p-D	(b4301 or b3386)
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SO4t2	$so4[e] \le so4[p]$	(b0241 or b0929 or b1377 or

TABLE 29-continued

Corresponding genes to be knocked out to prevent a particular reaction from occurring in E. coli.								
Reaction Abbreviation	Reaction Stoichiometry*	Genes Encoding the Enzyme(s) Catalyzing Each Reaction&						
SUCD4	[c]: q8 + succ> fum + q8h2	(b0721 and b0722 and b0723 and b0724)						
SUCOAS	[c]: atp + coa + succ <==> adp + pi + succoa	(b0728 and b0729)						
SULabc	atp[c] + h2o[c] + so4[p]> adp[c] + h[c] + pi[c] + so4[c]	((b2422 and b2425 and b2424 and b2423) or (b0763 and b0764 and b0765) or (b2422 and b2424 and b2423 and b3917))						
TAL	[c]: $g3p + s7p \le e4p + f6p$	(b2464 or b0008)						
THD2	(2) h[p] + nadh[c] + nadp[c]> (2) h[c] + nad[c] + nadph[c]	(b1602 and b1603)						
THD5	[c]: nad + nadph> nadh + nadp	(b3962 or (b1602 and b1603))						
TPI	[c]: dhap <==> g3p	b3919						

TABLE 30			TABLE 30-continued				
Metabolite	names corresponding to abbreviations used in Table 29.		Metabolite	names corresponding to abbreviations used in Table 29.			
Metabolite Abbreviation	Metabolite Name		Metabolite Abbreviation	Metabolite Name			
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2dmmql8 2pg 3pg	2-Demethylmenaquinol 8 D-Glycerate 2-phosphate 3-Phospho-D-glycerate	30	methf mlthf mgl8	5,10-Methenyltetrahydrofolate 5,10-Methylenetetrahydrofolate Menaquinol 8			
6pgc 6pgl	6-Phospho-D-gluconate 6-phospho-D-glucono-1,5-lactone		mqn8 nad	Menaquinone 8 Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide			
ac acald	Acetate Acetaldehyde		nadh nadp	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide—reduced Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate			
accoa actp adp	Acetyl-CoA Acetyl phosphate ADP	35	nadph nh4 oaa	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate—reduced Ammonium Oxaloacetate			
akg amp	2-Oxoglutarate AMP		pep pi	Phosphoenolpyruvate Phosphate			
asn-L asp-L	L-Asparagine L-Aspartate		ppi pro-L	Diphosphate L-Proline			
atp cbp co2	ATP Carbamoyl phosphate CO2	40	pyr q8 q8h2	Pyruvate Ubiquinone-8 Ubiquinol-8			
coa dhap	Coenzyme A Dihydroxyacetone phosphate		ru5p-D s7p	D-Ribulose 5-phosphate Sedoheptulose 7-phosphate			
e4p etoh	D-Erythrose 4-phosphate Ethanol	45	so4 succ	Sulfate Succinate			
f6p fad fadh2	D-Fructose 6-phosphate Flavin adenine dinucleotide oxidized Flavin adenine dinucleotide reduced		succoa thf xu5p-D	Succinyl-CoA 5,6,7,8-Tetrahydrofolate D-Xylulose 5-phosphate			
fdp for	D-Fructose 1,6-bisphosphate Formate						
fum g3p g6p	Fumarate Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate D-Glucose 6-phosphate	50	been refere	out this application various publications have need. The disclosures of these publications in ties are hereby incorporated by reference in this			
glc-D glu5p glu5sa	D-Glucose L-Glutamate 5-phosphate L-Glutamate 5-semialdehyde		application	in order to more fully describe the state of the art is invention pertains. Although the invention has			
glu-L glx gly h	L-Glutamate Glyoxylate Glycine H+	55	been descri above, it sh	ibed with reference to the examples provided nould be understood that various modifications e without departing from the spirit of the inven-			

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What is claimed is:

1. A non-naturally occurring *Escherichia coli*, comprising a 1,4-butanediol (BDO) pathway comprising one or more heterologous polynucleotides encoding BDO pathway 65 enzymes expressed in a sufficient amount to produce BDO, wherein said E. coli:

(A) comprises a BDO pathway comprising:(a) alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase; or alpha-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase and CoA-dependent succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase; or glutamate: succinate semialdehyde transaminase and glutamate decarboxylase;

- (b) 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase;
- (c) 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA transferase; or 4-hydroxybutyrate kinase and phosphotrans-4-hydroxybutyrylase; and
- (d) 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase and 4-hydroxybutyraldehyde reductase; or aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase, said aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase converting 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to 1,4-butanediol; and
- (B) comprises disruption of a gene encoding a protein in an aerobic respiratory control regulatory system; or expresses an exogenous NADH insensitive citrate synthase.
- 2. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim 1, wherein said *E. coli* comprises disruption of a gene encoding a protein in an aerobic respiratory control regulatory system.
- 3. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim 2, wherein said gene encoding the protein in the aerobic respiratory control regulatory system is an arcA gene.
- **4**. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim **1**, wherein said *E. coli* expresses an exogenous NADH insensitive citrate synthase.
- 5. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim 4, wherein said NADH insensitive citrate synthase is encoded by a gltA ²⁵ gene or a mutant gltA gene encoding an R163L mutant NADH insensitive citrate synthase.
- **6**. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim **1**, wherein said *E. coli* further expresses an exogenous phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase.
- 7. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim 1, further comprising disruption of a gene encoding malate dehydrogenase.
- **8**. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim **1**, wherein one or more of said one or more heterologous nucleotides encoding BDO pathway enzymes are integrated into the fimD locus of the *E. coli*.
- **9**. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim **1**, wherein said *E. coli* further expresses an exogenous non-phosphotransferase sucrose uptake system.
- **10**. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim **1**, wherein said *E. coli* further comprises disruption of endogenous lactate dehydrogenase, endogenous alcohol dehydrogenase, and endogenous pyruvate formate lyase.

- 11. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim 1, wherein said *E. coli* further expresses an exogenous pyruvate dehydrogenase.
- 12. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim 11, wherein one or more genes encoding pyruvate dehydrogenase subunits is under the control of a pyruvate formate lyase promoter.
- **13**. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim **11**, wherein said exogenous pyruvate dehydrogenase is NADH insensitive.
- **14**. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim **11**, wherein said exogenous pyruvate dehydrogenase is encoded by the *Klebsiella pneumonia* lpdA gene.
- 15. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim 1, wherein said succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase, 4-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase and 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA/acetyl-CoA transferase are encoded by *Porphyromonas gingivalis* W83 genes.
- **16**. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim **1**, wherein said 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase is encoded by the *Clostridium beijerinckii* ald gene.
- 17. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim 1, wherein said *E. coli* further expresses an exogenous succinyl-CoA synthetase.
- **18**. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim **17**, wherein said succinyl-CoA synthetase is encoded by the *Escherichia coli* sucCD genes.
- **19**. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim **1**, wherein said alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase is encoded by the *Mycobacterium bovis* sucA gene.
- **20**. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim 1, wherein said 4-hydroxybutyrate kinase and said phosphotrans-4-hydroxybutyrylase are encoded by the *Clostridium acetobutylicum* buk1 and ptb genes.
- **21**. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim 1, wherein said 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA reductase is encoded by the *Clostridium beijerinckii* ald gene.
- **22**. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim **1**, wherein said 4-hydroxybutyraldehyde reductase is encoded by the *Geobacillus thermoglucosidasius* adhl gene.
- 23. The non-naturally occurring *E. coli* of claim 6, wherein said phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase is encoded by the *Haemophilus influenza* phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase gene.

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